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NEW ERA IN U.S. LABOR HISTORY:

Historic agreement to merge AFL and CIO was reached Feb. 9 at meeting in Miami Beach, Fla. Firm handclasp by AFL Pres. George Meany, I., and CIO Pres. Walter P. Reuther symbolizes unity of 15,000,000 working men and women who will be members of new union federation. Story and summary of merger on Page 3.

Strike Closes Parker Peanut In Virginia Over 1-Cent Offer

SUFFOLK, Va.—One hundred and twenty workers at the Parker Peanut Co. have closed the plant with a 100 per cent solid strike which began earlier this month after they became thoroughly disgusted at the company's "take-it-or-leave-it" offer of a one cent hourly wage increase, Local 26 Pres. Leroy Harris announced.

RWDSU Exec. Vice-Pres. Arthur Osman, who is in close touch with the situation, declared:

"The issue in this strike is not a few pennies wage increase, but the self-respect of these workers. They are proving to employers in this area that they would rather starve and walk the picket line than take any bone thrown to them. They are striking to end the perversion of collective bargaining practiced by employers of this area, who decide on the rate of pay and tell the workers 'That's it, period'."

A dramatic development which came a few days after the Parker strike began was the signing up of 170 out of 180 workers at the Pretlow peanut plant a few

ministers of the Suffolk-Nansomond County area, getting a vote of support from this group.

It was becoming clear, Harris observed, that the status of Local 26 as a responsible, well respected institution in Suffolk is responsible for the community's favorable attitude.

Support for the Parker workers' fight has come in full measure from the rest of the 3,500-member local. Recognizing that their own success in coming contract negotiations depends on the outcome of the Parker strike, the Local 26 membership is chipping in to the strike fund at weekly plant gate collections.

Negotiations with Parker had been un-

der way about a month when the strike was voted. Management flatly refused to budge from its penny-an-hour offer in answer to the workers demand for a five cent boost on wages of 81 cents an hour.

Employer Leaves Town

The employer was now left town, Harris said, leaving his attorney and plant manager on the scene. Attempts to intervene have been made by the federal conciliator, J. Newton Maxie, but these have so far proved fruitless.

"This looks as if it's going to be a long strike," Harris said, "and we are ready for it." He said the Parker workers themselves are determined to stick it out as long as necessary.



LEROY HARRIS
Leads Parker Strike

miles from Suffolk. An NLRB hearing was scheduled for Feb. 17, as The Record was in the mails, to prepare for a representation election. The Pretlow campaign was led by Local 26 Vice-Pres. Al Bailey.

Community Backs Strike

The Parker strike meanwhile was winning wide support in the community. Stories in the Suffolk daily newspaper have described the workers' demands as reasonable and the strike as justified. Last week Local 26 Sec.-Treas. Robbie Mae Riddick addressed a conference of

CIO Warns Nation Must Aid Low-Income Families

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Special attention must be focused on the millions of U. S. families making less than \$3,000 a year, CIO Pres. Walter P. Reuther warned the Joint Congressional Committee on the President's Economic Report at a hearing this month.

These low income groups, he said, constitute a vast potential market for goods and services. Thus far they have received the smallest share of the benefits of our new technology. Their inability to buy the goods produced in increasing volume will become even more serious as technology grows.

As other stimuli for the nation's economy, he called for federal action in these fields:

- Tax revision with an increase in the present personal income exemption to \$800 and eventually to \$1,000.
- Increasing the federal minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour and extending its coverage to additional millions.
- Modernization of the present inadequate unemployment compensation system.
- Adoption of a national health insurance program with federal aid to medical education, hospital construction and consumer cooperatives in the field of medical care.

- Housing goals of two million new units a year.

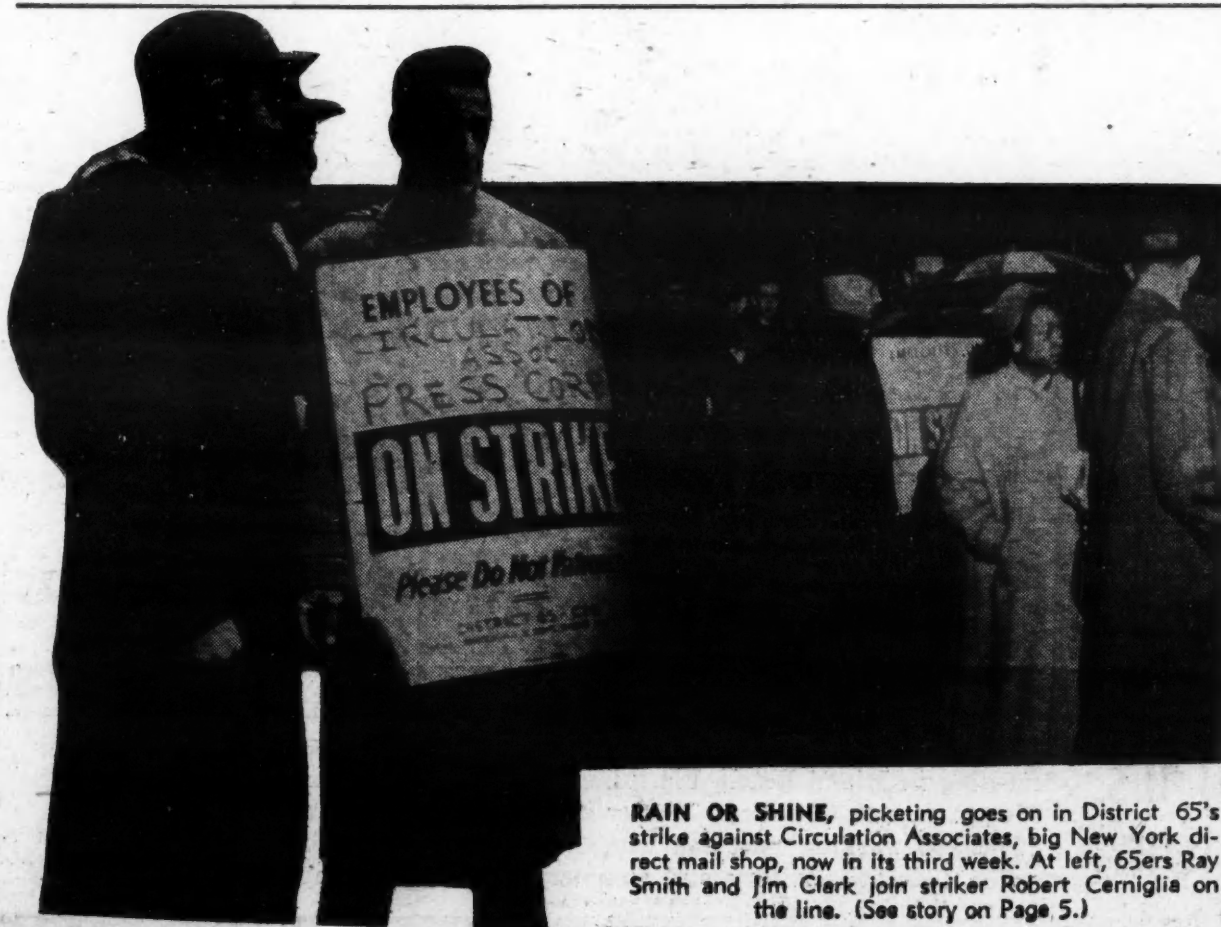
- Improved farm programs to strengthen the income position of the family farmers and increase consumption of agricultural goods.

- Low interest loans to encourage small business and to sustain high levels of residential construction so badly needed.

- Adoption of a comprehensive public works program "as a continuing program to keep the structure of society strong."

- A national full employment program to lift the national economy from stagnation with supplemental assistance to chronically distressed areas.

"A share of our productive know-how should also be made available to the vast underdeveloped areas of the world, where over a billion people live in unbelievable poverty and slums," Reuther said. "It is our national obligation to assist these peoples to achieve material progress, freedom and national independence."



RAIN OR SHINE, picketing goes on in District 65's strike against Circulation Associates, big New York direct mail shop, now in its third week. At left, 65ers Ray Smith and Jim Clark join striker Robert Cerniglia on the line. (See story on Page 5.)

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RWDSU HAILS CIO-AFL AGREEMENT TO MERGE

Labor unity in 1955—an objective that seemed remote until recently—emerged as a reality Feb. 9, when agreement on terms of the merger of AFL and CIO was reached by a committee representing both federations. The merger announcement was hailed enthusiastically by Pres. Max Greenberg on behalf of the entire membership of RWDSU.

Fifteen million union members, ten million in the AFL and five million in CIO, will be affected by the merger. The two Canadian bodies—the Canadian Congress of Labor and the Trades and Labor Congress—are expected to follow suit and combine their 855,000 members.

The agreement was announced by AFL Pres. George Meany and CIO Pres. Walter P. Reuther in Miami Beach, Fla., where the AFL executive council is meeting, and where two days of meetings between CIO and AFL leaders whipped the merger terms into final shape. The AFL council unanimously approved the merger terms Feb. 10, and the CIO executive board is expected to take similar action at its next meeting.

Ratifications procedure then calls for the merger plan to be submitted to separate conventions of the AFL and CIO, to be followed, if approved, by a joint convention. Both the ratification and the joint sessions will probably be held in the same city during a single week, sometime next fall.

The merger terms guarantee the integrity of each international union, with "appropriate machinery" to be established to implement the no-raid agreement already in effect between the two organizations, and extend it to those unions that have not yet subscribed to the pact.

Unions now constituting the CIO will go into a special department known as the Council of Industrial Organizations, thus enabling them to continue using the initials CIO and maintaining organizational links. The merged federation will be financed by per capita payments of four cents per member per month, with the CIO department empowered to establish an additional per capita tax. This is expected to be six cents, which would maintain per capita payments by CIO unions at their present level of 10 cents.

The agreement calls for four echelons of leadership of the united labor body. At the top are the president and secretary-treasurer, and present indications are that these posts will be filled by George Meany and William Schnitzler, respectively, who hold those offices in the AFL. The president will also appoint a director of organization from CIO ranks.

There will be an Executive Committee of eight, an Executive Council of 29, and a General Board consisting of the Executive Council and one leading officer from each affiliated union. Conventions will be held every two years. The constitution of the new organization, to be drafted by the Unity Committee, will provide machinery to implement declarations against raiding, racial and religious discrimination, corruption and communism.

Commenting on the merger plan, RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg said: "The officers of CIO and AFL deserve our congratulations for the effective and principled manner in which they have carried out their pledge to bring about labor unity as rapidly as possible. I am sure that every worker in America—whether organized or unorganized—will ultimately benefit from this pooling of the resources of two great organizations. In political and legislative activity, in organizing the unorganized, in collective bargaining—in fact, in every aspect of union activity—the unity of the labor movement will produce new gains and will be a stimulus for greater progress."

"The RWDSU is proud to take its place with its sister unions of the CIO and AFL in the united organization, and we pledge our best efforts to build it and strengthen it."

RWDSU Exec. Board Meets Feb. 28

The RWDSU Executive Board will meet Feb. 28 to March 2 at the Concord Hotel, Kiamasha Lake, N.Y. This will be the second Executive Board meeting held since the RWDSU merger convention last May. The union constitution provides for three Board meetings and one General Council meeting each year.

Pres. Max Greenberg will come to the Board meeting directly from a meeting of the CIO executive board in Washington, scheduled for Feb. 24, which will act on ratification of the AFL-CIO merger agreement.



NO-RAID AGREEMENT

between CIO and AFL, shown here being signed last June 28 by RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg as Exec. Sec. Jack Paley looks on, paved way for labor unity by eliminating jurisdictional strife.

Summary of CIO-AFL Merger

NEW ORGANIZATION: CIO and AFL agree to create a single trade union center, through the process of merger.

PRINCIPLES OF MERGER:

- Each union affiliated to CIO or AFL will be an affiliate of the new organization.
- Integrity of each union will be affirmed. The constitution of the new organization will contain a declaration for each union's bargaining relationships, and against raiding. Machinery will be set up to implement the constitutional declaration.
- Present union jurisdiction shall be preserved.
- Unions with conflicting or duplicating jurisdictions will be encouraged to work out their mutual problems, including through voluntary merger.
- Both craft and industrial unions will be considered "appropriate, equal and necessary" forms of union organization.
- The new organization will constitutionally recognize non-discrimination principles, and will set up machinery to implement the constitutional declaration against discrimination.
- The merged federation will constitutionally fight all forms of corruption and communism, and will set up internal machinery to deal with the problem.

STRUCTURE:

- A Council of Industrial Organizations, open to all industrial unions, will be set up on the same basis as other departments now functioning in the AFL.
- There will be two officers, a president and secretary-treasurer, both initially from AFL unions.
- A director of organization, from a CIO union, will be appointed by the president.
- There will be a convention every two years.

e. The Executive Council will have 29 members—the president, secretary-treasurer, and 27 vice presidents; 17 of the vice-presidents will come from AFL unions, 10 from CIO unions.

f. The Executive Committee will have eight members, the president, secretary-treasurer and six vice-presidents—three from AFL unions, three from CIO unions.

g. A General Board, consisting of the Executive Council and one principal officer from each union, will meet once a year.

h. The constitution will provide for standing committees, with appropriate staffs.

i. There will be state and city local central bodies, with merger of CIO and AFL groups within a two-year period. In addition, the Council of Industrial Organizations may have state and local bodies.

EXISTING AGREEMENTS:

The AFL-CIO No-Raiding Agreement will be preserved, and with the consent of its parties, will be extended for two years. The CIO Organizational Disputes Plan and the AFL Internal Disputes Plan will be continued. A committee will be set up to study integration of the three plans.

METHOD OF MERGER:

- The agreement has been ratified by the AFL Executive Council Feb. 10 and the CIO Executive Board will act on it Feb. 24.
- The AFL-CIO Unity Committee will then draft a constitution for the merged organization.
- The constitution will then be put up for ratification by the AFL Executive Council and the CIO Executive Board; and if ratified, to separate AFL and CIO conventions.
- If approved by both conventions, a joint convention will be held, the first of the new organization.

U. S. Civil Rights Show Gains in 7-Year Survey

NEW YORK—The gap between American democratic ideals and practices is steadily closing, and the nation's unions, courts and law makers are "continuing the forward march toward equal justice and opportunity for all," the National Labor Service declares in a new pamphlet, "The People Take The Lead."

Highlighting the advances since 1947, when former Pres. Truman's Committee on Civil Rights issued its report, the NLS points out that today 12 states and 32 cities have fair employment laws, three states have fair education laws and five states have public accommodation laws with administrative enforcement.

The NLS pamphlet says that until recently, the "most far-reaching advance of all—the U.S. Supreme Court's historic decision on May 17, 1954, banning segregation in the nation's public schools—was only a far-off dream."

Union Aid Cited

Unions in both the CIO and the AFL are cited for their effective work in advancing fair practices in employment and breaking down segregation walls in all areas.

Underscoring the magnitude of progress in American civil rights, the report declares:

"Five years ago, the National Committee on Segregation in the Nation's Capital scored widespread discrimination in Washington. Today, segregation in public facilities in the Capital is the exception, rather than the rule."

"Five years ago, Negro students were rarely admitted to southern state universities. Today, some 2,000 Negro students attend integrated college classrooms in the South."

Gains Scored in 2 Indiana Contracts

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Settlement of two contracts in Anderson, Ind., a town about 30 miles from this city, was announced by Int'l Rep. Joseph Romer. The pacts are with Howe Fire Apparatus and Nationwide Food Service, which operates the plant cafeteria at the General Motors plant in Anderson.

The Howe agreement provides a five-cents per hour increase for all employees, plus other benefits.

The contract with Nationwide, covering the tenth year of relations between Local 357 and the company, stipulates a three-cent increase with a wage re-opening next January, a five-day, 40-hour week, six legal holidays, rest periods, vacations, seniority, grievance procedure and the union shop. Signing the pact for the union were Romer, Dorothea L. Reed and Celia Lydick.

Labor News Roundup

UAW Wins Ford Strike

TORONTO, Ont.—The second longest strike in the history of the Canadian automotive industry has ended in its 109th day. Ford of Canada and CIO United Auto Workers officials reached agreement on settlement terms ending the longest strike in the company's history after five weeks of negotiation at the Royal York Hotel here. Previously, a number of attempts at negotiation had proved unsuccessful.

Under the terms of the settlement the Ford employees at Windsor, Oakville and Etobicoke will receive a four cent wage boost and an extra 7.25 cents an hour in fringe benefits.

The new contract will provide for a province-wide agreement running to June 1, 1956; complete sickness coverage for employees and their dependents payable by the company; a slackening of seniority provisions; a modified union shop with all new employees to join the union; reduction in work weeks from 40 to 32 hours for no more than six weeks a year to avoid layoffs; three weeks vacation with pay after 15 years service and a lowering of vacation qualifications; seven (instead of six) paid statutory holidays; a four cent wage improvement factor from June 15, 1955; paid up insurance from \$500 to \$1,000 for employees pensioned in the future; the eight cent cost of living allowance to be included in base pay; and a number of other provisions.

With the new wage boost, most Ford employees in the three plants will receive an hourly rate of \$1.62. Top rate at the Windsor production plant will be \$2.27 an hour.

New Union-Busting Law in Ga.

BAXLEY, Ga.—The AFL International Ladies Garment Workers are preparing their case to test one of the most severe anti-union local ordinances in operation today.

Two ILGWU organizers were arrested for entering the town and informed that they must pay a fee of \$2,000 a year for operating within the town limits. The organizers were told, further, that the town itself would collect a \$500 "initiation fee" for every worker signed up.

Interpreting these regulations as outlawing any kind of union activity in Baxley, the organizers asked the Georgia Supreme Court to throw out the ordinance. The court refused on the grounds that the organizers had not yet been tried for violating the ordinance.

National ILGWU officials regard the ordinance as clearly unconstitutional and are preparing a test case. The action is expected to take months. Meanwhile, Baxley employers have clear sailing.

Baxley, a small county seat town in Appling County, is about 75 miles west-southwest of Savannah. In 1950 the census reported a population of 3,400—enough for several plants.

Unions Win '54 NLRB Polls

WASHINGTON — The National Labor Relations Board wound up the last quarter of 1954 with formal decisions in 605 cases, the largest number during the year.

The agency conducted 1,073 representation elections during the three-month period. Employees chose a collective bargaining representative in 681 of the elections, or 63 percent of the elections which were conclusive. A total of 121,535 were eligible to vote with 107,183 votes or 88 percent being cast. Bargaining representation was favored by 76,420, or 71 percent.

Of the 1,073 representation elections, 1,021 were collective bargaining elections, asked for by unions or employers.

In the 1,021 collective bargaining elections held, 116,867 employees were eligible to vote, and 88 percent cast valid ballots. Of these 102,874 valid votes, 74,286, or 72 percent were cast in favor of collective bargaining representation.

Hartley of T-H 'Fame' Rides Again

WASHINGTON—A goodly assortment of reporters showed up at the Mayflower Hotel last week as Rep. Fred A. Hartley, Jr.—the Hartley of Taft-Hartley—held a press conference to announce the formation of a new committee to promote State "right to work" laws across the nation. The name of the new group is the National Right to Work Committee and through it Hartley hopes to accomplish what he failed to do with T-H: wipe out union security.

If this isn't done, he told reporters with a note of doom in his voice, it "eventually means control of the entire economy by the rulers of labor—a labor dictatorship."

The former congressman has been out of politics since 1948. That was the first election after he whipped his bill through Congress with Sen. Robert A. Taft. Most of his constituents were unhappy, and apparently Hartley knew it because he dropped out of the race before the populace could vote. An anti-T-H Democrat was elected to his post.

Since 1948 Hartley has not been exactly poverty-stricken. He "experts" employers and management organizations on how to handle unions and has a lovely estate in New Jersey where he raises blooded cattle—things that must have been only a dream when he was a struggling congressman. Now, apparently, Hartley is working his way into still greener pastures as he and Committee Chairman E. S. Dillard, president of the non-union Old Dominion Box Company of Charlotte, N.C., fight for the principle of the compulsory open shop.

Just how much Hartley will receive for his services as president of the committee is not known. A reporter asked Dillard this question. The answer: "We don't know; it depends on the contributions."

The new management organization was actually started some 14 months ago by southern employers with a few disgruntled workers. Apparently it hasn't advanced much from this point. Dillard admitted that not one AFL, CIO, UMW or Railroad Brotherhood member is tied up with them. Former anti-labor Rep. Wingate Lucas of Texas is a member of the board of directors.

New England Jobs Lost

BOSTON, Mass.—Only 45 percent of the New England textile workers who lost their jobs in the 1951-53 industry recession had found jobs by March, 1954, a Northeastern University study shows.

The study, directed by William H. Miernyk, head of the university's Bureau of Business and Economic Research, considered 1,705 case histories of workers employed in five Massachusetts and one Rhode Island mill.

Of the workers studied, 43 percent were still unemployed at the time of the survey, conducted between September 1953 and March 1954. An additional 12 percent had withdrawn from the labor force. That left only 45 percent who had found other jobs.

Among the employed workers sampled, 64 percent said they were earning less than they had previously, while 12 percent reported no change and 21 percent were earning more.

The great bulk of the employed workers—36 percent—had found jobs in other textile mills. Some 7 percent found jobs in the electrical industry and 6 percent in apparel plants.

what's new in our industry

New York stores are cooperating with railroads carrying passengers from New Jersey. The R.R.s are offering "shopper specials" at half fare on twelve consecutive Mondays to encourage Jerseyites to shop in New York. The stores involved are Macy's, Gimbel's, Ohrbach's, Oppenheim Collins, and Sak's 34th. They will stay open Monday nights, may feature special promotions for New Jersey shoppers. . . . Namm-Loeser's will close its warehouse and consolidate all its operations under one roof in the store. Long Island University will occupy the warehouse building space. . . . Gimbel's in Milwaukee has made radical changes in store hours. The Southgate Center store will drop its morning hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays, and will add an opening on Tuesday nights. This means the store will be open five nights a week. . . . Abraham & Straus sales in the year ending Jan. 31 exceeded \$100,000,000

for the first time in its 90 year history. Pres. Rothschild reported that sales in the downtown store also broke all previous records. A&S, of the Federated chain, has second largest sales volume in entire New York metropolitan area (next to Macy's); the A&S branch in Hempstead is largest branch store in the eastern U.S. . . .

Lord & Taylor will build its 7th unit in Garden City. . . . Stern's Paramus store will be considered a "sister store" rather than a branch, because it will contain the same range of merchandise. Proportionately, the Paramus store will contain more selling area than the main store. . . . Hecht's is planning an \$1,250,000 outlay to expand its Silver Spring, Md. store. It will be a three floor addition. . . . Added to the list of executives in retailing who are expressing hope for downtown business is the president of Arnold Constable's. In an-

nouncing plans for expansion of their main store he said, "This expansion affirms our faith in downtown shopping." He is adding eight floors. . . . Pittsburgh retailers will spend \$145,000 this year on a campaign to boost shopping in the downtown area.

Pre-cooked frozen dinners now come in junior size for the kids. Frigi-Dinner, Inc. of Philadelphia has designed meals to meet nutritional needs of children from two years to pre-teen age. The product is being test-marketed by Food Fair Stores. . . . Consumer installment buying climbed \$453 million during December to its highest level in history, \$22.5 billion. . . . Miller Bros Hat Co. has bought the wholesale division of Adam Hat Stores. Adam will retain its retail chain. There are about 250 Adam outlets in metropolitan areas throughout the country. . . . F. W. Woolworth during 1954, its 75th year in business, had

\$721,312,990 in sales, highest in its history. It opened sixty-seven new stores in 1954, bringing the total up to 2,021.

Safeway Stores, Inc., opened its newest unit in the New York area in Valley Stream, L. I. . . . Net profit of S. H. Kress & Co., chain store operator, amounted to \$8,346,217, or \$3.51 a share, in 1954. At the end of 1954 they had a total of 264 stores in operation. Plans for '55 include two new stores and enlargement or modernization of thirty-two. . . . Oppenheim-Collins will have a store in the Mondawmin shopping center in Baltimore, Md. It will be ready for occupancy in Spring of 1956. . . . Lane Bryant, Inc. opening a new store in Atlanta, Ga., the chain's 23rd. The building is nine stories high, three of which will be store space. The rest will be used to provide parking facilities for customers—Compiled by EILEEN FANTINO.

New Strength Rallied in Strike at Big Direct Mail Shop



BURNED OUT of Manhattan tenement apartment when kerosene heater exploded Feb. 3, District 65 member Miguel Roman, his wife and two small children narrowly escaped death, lost everything they owned. Here Roman, l., shows gutted apartment to Jack Ossofsky of union's Security Plan staff. '65' is helping Roman during emergency and is also pressing for elimination of fire hazards that have cost many lives in slums this winter.

Retail Men's Wear Local Signs 3 Shops in Long Island Drive

NEW YORK CITY—Initial success in the drive by RWDSU locals to organize unorganized shops in Long Island was reported by Vice-Pres. Martin Koppel, business manager of Retail Men's Wear Employees Local 721, with the announcement that three haberdashery shops in Nassau County had been organized and had signed contracts providing substantial gains.

Employees of Julie's in Hewlett, Lachs in Lawrence and Ben Epstein in Cedarhurst won the five-day, 40-hour week, a reduction of as much as ten hours per week; wage increases to bring them up to union standards, with minimum set at \$65 plus commissions and p.m.'s; welfare benefits; and pension plan payments

Win 5-Day, 40-Hour Pact in N. J. Chain

Exec. Vice-Pres. Meyer Meyers of the Retail Union of New Jersey, Local 108, reported that the union contract with Gruber's, operating haberdashery and clothing stores in Union and Irvington, N.J., has been renewed, with provisions for a five-day, 40-hour week, and wage increases.

by their employers to begin in September.

The organizational success followed Local 721 membership approval, at a meeting Feb. 8 at the Hotel Diplomat, of the executive board's recommendation that a full-time organizer be assigned to the drive. Designated in that capacity was Lou Tenner, a member of the executive board.

At the same meeting, Koppel reported, the members were informed of substantial increases in insurance benefits. Life insurance was upped from \$1,500 to \$1,750, and double indemnity from \$3,000 to \$3,500. Hospitalization was increased from \$8 to \$10 per day, and miscellaneous hospital charges from \$80 to \$100.

The members were informed that negotiations with the employers' association for a contract covering most of the members of the local are in progress. Chief union demand is for establishment of a pension plan, with employer payments of at least \$6 per month for each member they employ.

NEW YORK CITY—New strength is being put behind the employees of Circulation Associates, biggest unorganized direct mail firm in the city, as the strike of District 65 RWDSU-CIO for reinstatement of 30 fired workers and a union contract entered its fourth week.

'65 Organization Dir. Bill Michelson, in direct charge of the strike, said the morale of the strikers was growing each day. The tremendous outpouring of the 2,000 Direct Mail Local members on the picket lines gave evidence of their solid support.

Three other unions are officially backing the strike, refusing to work with scabs. The unions are Local 1, CIO Lithographers; Local 27, AFL Teamsters; and the New York Mailers Union.

The company's attempts to scuttle the effects of the Teamsters' cooperation were defeated when rental trucking companies refused to participate in a scabbing operation, Organizer, Bill O'Connor reported.

Other developments include the refusal of several large accounts to do business with Circulation Associates, and the imminent withdrawal of several more of the company's customers. A telegram from the New York City CIO Council to many customers urged them to withhold your patronage until the strike is settled and a union contract is signed.

Meanwhile, at a preliminary hearing before the NLRB last week, the Board examiner rejected a company move to dismiss the union's petition for an election and scheduled another hearing for Feb. 28.

As a direct result of the Circulation strike, employees in three unorganized direct mail shops have contacted District 65 and are being organized. Direct Mail Local Chairman Jim Ward said publicity around the Circulation campaign had encouraged the unorganized direct mail workers to make the move.

Michelson said it was likely that more of the large group of unorganized direct mail workers in New York would join the union as they learned of the struggle of Circulation Associates employees to raise their low wages and improve their working conditions.

Since the strike began a number of

Circulation employees who had not done so at first were signing up in '65'. Also, the number of scabs has been cut, and more are refusing to cross the picket lines every day.

Organization of Circulation Associates began several months ago in line with a decision by the '65' Direct Mail Local to organize the low-wage direct mail shops and thereby eliminate the unfair competition of these shops, which hold back the 65ers' progress.

Drug Store Talks Open for 3500

NEW YORK CITY—Negotiations for a new contract covering 3,500 members of Retail Drug Local 1199 employed in more than 1,100 independently operated drug stores in the metropolitan area opened last week.

Headed by '1199' Pres. Leon J. Davis, a 15-member negotiating committee met with representatives of five employer associations. Davis, presenting the list of union demands adopted at division membership meetings, stated that "while our members fully recognize that 1954 has not been a banner year in the drug industry, our needs demand a substantial wage increase for all members."

Demands also include increased minimum hiring rates and five days sick leave. With contracts expiring March 31, Davis announced that a special general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9 at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd St. Meeting in two parts at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., the membership will act on proposals to mobilize the entire membership to guarantee an improved agreement.

50th Birthday of '1102'

NEW YORK CITY—A rare event in the life of a union will be celebrated March 6 by officers and members of Retail Drygoods Employees Local 1102, when they mark the fiftieth anniversary of the local. On that date, members of '1102', their relatives and friends will attend an entertainment and dance at Manhattan Center, it was reported by RWDSU Vice-Pres. N. Jerome Kaplan, president of Local 1102.

The anniversary celebration will be a highlight in the history of one of the oldest retail locals in New York City, and one of the founding locals of the RWDSU.



THE "WEAKER SEX" rules at Nashua Plastics Local 66, Nashua, N.H., as this photo of newly-elected officers shows. L. to r., Sec.-Treas. Lena Noel, Rec. Sec. Sarah Gorham, Pres. Lillian Gagne and Vice-Pres. Irene McCloud.



OFFICERS FOR 1955 in Local 61, Leominster, Mass., were sworn in by New England Dir. Thomas Leone. L. to r., Pres. Salvatore Perla Vice-Pres. Alice Gentile, Rec. Sec. Ethel Alexander and Sec.-Treas. Ovila Bissonette.

The Midwest

400 at Pillsbury in Ohio Get Set for Wage Fight

HAMILTON, O.—Four hundred members of Local 160, who work in the Pillsbury Mills plant here, are taking steps to win their demand for increases of 15 cents an hour, Regional Dir. Al Evanoff reported.

After firmly rejecting as inadequate an initial wage offer of four cents by the company, the workers, in two well-attended membership meetings, decided to launch a full strike preparations program in which every member will participate. As part of this preparedness program, the Local 160 members pledged 100% good dues standing.

Evanoff pointed out that the significance of the dues standing pledge lies in the fact that '160' members pay dues in person at union headquarters instead of having them checked off.

Another negotiations session was scheduled for Feb. 17 and 18, as The Record was in the mails.

Earlier, in preparing for the current negotiations on a contract reopener,

Local 160 Pres. Clyde Congleton visited two other plants of the company in Kentucky and Illinois. A comparison of wage rates showed a fairly wide gap between the Illinois and Hamilton, Ohio plants. The RWDSUers are taking this inequity as grounds to demand not only the average increase being granted in the industry, but to seek an additional amount to close the gap between the plants' wage rates.

Evanoff said the company has grown and the outlook for good business and continued growth is bright. Leading the negotiations are Congleton and Evanoff, with a committee including Business Agent Juanita Clark, Mary Amos, Bob Helfrey, Walter Bailey and Richard Morton.

'Iron Clad' Seniority in Akron

AKRON, O.—A six month extension of the seniority clause in the union contract with Akron Co-op Supermarket was won in a Feb. 1 negotiation session held specifically to consider this provision, Int'l Rep. Eugene Ingles reported. He assisted the executive committee of Grocery Workers Local 1801 in the talks with management.

Ingles pointed out that the iron-clad seniority clause was the first to be established in any supermarket in this city, and that its extension, which the union hopes to make permanent, represents an important victory for the members.

At a membership meeting Feb. 2, the local's executive committee, consisting of Pres. Grace Ringwalt, Vice-Pres. Josephine Eggert, Rec. Sec. Vincent Deering and Sec. Treas. Irene Schrenk, were



Grace Ringwalt Josephine Eggert

sworn into office by Ingles, following their reelection.



PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE to RWDSU Vice-Pres. Milton Weisberg, I., marked his re-election for 12th term as vice-president of Steel City CIO Council. State Sen. Elmer J. Holland makes presentation. In foreground is Council Pres. Anthony J. Federoff. Weisberg is business manager of Dept. Store Employees Local 101, Pittsburgh. Many government and labor leaders attended installation ceremonies.

It's Your Washington

By WILLARD SHELEON
Columnist for CIO News

IT IS BARELY POSSIBLE—possible, not certain—that the country is beginning to break out of its miasmic preoccupation with the dangers of domestic communism and internal subversion. There are signs of a crackup in the ranks of the anti-Communist political racketeers, and if it comes to pass the event will be joyful.

There has been something obscene in the spectacle of a great, free nation shivering in its boots before the rantings of the witchhunters, passing drastic laws by the seaf, hanging breathlessly on the televised hearings of some junior-grade headline hunter like Rep. Velde (R. Ill.), turning a respectful ear to the testimony, true or dreamed-up, of professional turncoat informers.

The Communist "threat" to this nation has never been a serious one—not unless we are talking, indeed, about the very real threat of the Red army and Soviet diplomacy.

Domestic communism was substantially discredited—and would have been weakened severely without the McCarran and Smith Act—by the simple fact that the comrades so obviously followed the Kremlin's shifting line that few people with self-respect could tolerate the nonsense.

UNIONS THREW 'EM OUT

Labor unions, a major object of Communist penetration in every country, handled their infiltration problems their own way. They threw the comrades out, as the garment trades unions had to throw them out once before in the aftermath of World War I.

As for the rest of the problem, simple police work would have handled it. The FBI has had the Communist party honeycombed for more than a decade, and if the FBI doesn't have a considerable number of secret agents still planted in the party, this reporter would be both astonished and disappointed.

But we've had to put up with five raucous years of McCarthy, and five vindictive years of Jenner, and various years with the various chairmen of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

We had to witness the late Pat McCarran driving through an internal-security bill which may or may not be constitutional but certainly violates the spirit of freedom. McCarran got his way with the votes of senators who frankly disliked the bill but didn't dare vote against it.

Now there are signs of a change.

The great educational foundations, attacked by a two-member minority of the Reece committee, refused to roll over and play dead, Robert M. Hutchins, president of the Fund for the Republic (a Ford Foundation creation), spearheaded a counterattack in defense of free inquiry and free thought.

Scholarly studies are being made of Pres. Eisenhower's "security" program, of the teachers' "loyalty oath" issue, of the foul blacklisting systems operated by self-appointed experts who set themselves up as arbiters of what entertainers and actors are politically orthodox.

EXPERTS DEBUNKED

Atty-Gen. Brownell has had previous trouble about one of the Justice Dept.'s star "experts" in deportation hearings and trials, one Paul Crouch, a self-described former Communist. Now another of the professional informers, Harvey Matusow, is tumbling over his feet in his anxiety to recant testimony he gave under oath.

I wouldn't bet a nickel on whether Matusow is or has been a double, triple or quadruple agent or simply a guy with a conspiratorial mind who loves to be the center of a blowzy, shabby stage and talk about himself.

But there's something infinitely funny in his claim that Roy Cohn, the terrible-tempered former counsel of the McCarthy committee, helped him doctor up some evidence.

Cohn indignantly denies the allegation, of course—but it ought to teach him, although it probably won't, that an ambitious young prosecutor can make a mistake by accepting, too trustingly, a glib professional witness. It's just possible that the latest Matusow episode will discourage the Justice Dept. about its whole stable of informers, so that Brownell will gloomily file away his wiretap records and return to his proper business of prosecuting people for overt crimes.

We aren't out of the woods yet—and one of the reasons is that Pres. Eisenhower seems unconscious of his personal responsibility.

He still can't see why a federal employee, accused by a faceless witness, is entitled to what in the courts we call due process of law. He can't see why an appeals board should give a chance to employee who want to fight faceless accusations.

The climate is somewhat better, however, than it was a year ago. Maybe eventually the President will recognize, when the report on his "security" system is completed, that he has the supreme responsibility of guaranteeing the protection of the innocent as well as the prosecution of the guilty.

Chicago Jt. Bd. Active in CIO Campaign to Elect Daley Mayor

CHICAGO, Ill.—RWDSU's Chicago's Joint Board is playing a big part in the current vigorous campaign of the city's CIO unions to elect a new Chicago mayor, with rank and file members pushing doorbells in their communities and distributing literature to the public, Board Pres. Henry Anderson reports.

The campaign is in preparation for primary balloting on Feb. 27. Election of city officials, headed by the mayor, takes place April 4.

The CIO forces are using the same organization which helped elect Senator Paul Douglas in last fall's election. Estimates are that, with the same vigor which characterized the last campaign, another victory is in the making for Chicago unionists who are backing Democratic candidate Richard J. Daley for mayor.

The CIO, including city and state

councils, has raised \$10,000 for the campaign, to which the RWDSUers are giving both money and their 2,000-member manpower. Anderson, a State CIO vice-president, is in charge of the 11th Congressional District, consisting of four wards.

Election issues in this city, second largest in the nation, are basically the same as those affecting the people of every other large industrial town. Housing, transportation, schools and community relations have all suffered, according to CIO campaign literature, from eight years of a "do-nothing" policy of the incumbent, Martin H. Kennelly.

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CONTRACT get quick review by negotiating committee before discussion at Local 280 membership meeting in Elm Grove, W. Va. L. to r., Int'l Rep. Ernest Burberg, Betty Denniston, Pres. Melvin Clark and Dave Chedester.



5th BIENNIAL CONVENTION of RWDSU Chicago Joint Board brought delegates (above) out in force to review past two years' accomplishments, plan future activities. Featured speaker was RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg, who outlined organizing goals. At left, accordionist Nena Rudinavitz of Lane Bryant plays during Convention interludes. At right, Int'l Rep. Carl Sanzone, I., presents J. B. Pres. Henry Anderson with gift of luggage from members, honoring him on re-election to top post.



YOUNG DEMOCRATS of Indiana get RWDSUer as officer with election of Maurice Cloud, r., of Famous Pie Co., to post of financial secretary. A member of Local 1761, he also represents RWDSU on Muncie, Ind. CIO Council. Others, l. to r., are Young Dems' pres. Dave Brinker, Thelma Conrad, treas. Robert L. Reed.



The South

Memphis Local Renews 18 Pacts At Average Raise of 5 Cents

By HARRY BUSH, Regional Director

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—With the signing of the McMillen Feed Mill contract last month, Local 19 successfully completed its 1954 wage drive. The local renewed all of its 18 contracts with an average increase of 5 cents an hour.

More than 1,000 members in 14 plants won increases ranging from two and a half cents an hour in the cotton compresses to a high of seven and a half cents an hour in the Weona Foods warehouse. The total annual gain for the 1,100 Local 19 members is more than \$110,000 in wages alone, in addition to other improvements.

One of the main reasons for the success of Local 19 members in winning fair wage increases is the thorough preparation for the contract drive conducted by each plant. In most cases the plants mobilized at meetings at least two months before contract expiration dates, where they reviewed their needs and drew up demands on a realistic basis, elected negotiating committees and launched strike preparations where necessary.

Four shops in the local failed to win wage increases, and discussion at the Stewards Council and membership meetings this month showed that the reason for this failure was the lack of mobilization and thorough preparation for wage negotiations. The shops are L. P. Cook, Cold Press, Williford Mfg. and Jehl Co., where a total of 35 members are employed.

As a result of discussion at the February meetings, plans of Local 19 are to begin preparations for the 1955 wage drive even earlier, along with more frequent shop meetings and emphasis on building the union through new organization.

Meanwhile, a partial victory has been

won in a grievance case involving the entire Buckeye Cotton Oil plant, employing 250 members of Local 19, with the company going back to a five-day week after more than a year of working the men 10 consecutive days without paying overtime.

The grievance has been in process for almost as long as the company main-

tained the 10-day working arrangement. Last May the grievance committee, led by the local officers, requested arbitration in accordance with the contract, but management refused. The case has now been taken to Federal District Court, and a hearing is scheduled next month. Plans are to press for back pay for the overtime the company failed to pay in violation of the contract. About \$60,000 is due.

Two New Slater Cafeterias Sign in Georgia, Mississippi

By FRANK PARKER, Regional Director

ATLANTA, Ga.—In keeping with an agreement between RWDSU and the Slater System of industrial cafeterias, contracts covering the employees of two cafeterias were signed earlier this month.

The agreement provides that the company will recognize and bargain with RWDSU for its employees in all additional cafeterias opened in the South.

In addition to rates of pay well above the average for the industry, the workers in plants in Rome, Ga. and Columbus, Miss., won one and two weeks' vacation after one and three years' service; time and a half pay on the sixth con-

secutive work day; double time for the seventh; guaranteed 40-hour week; five paid holidays, with double time paid if worked; two free meals and work clothing furnished and laundered by the company.

The contract negotiations were led for the union by Int'l Rep. Bill Connell.

New W.T. Grant Pact Brings \$1-\$3 Boosts

GADSDEN, Ala.—On Feb. 9 the 44 employees of W.T. Grant enthusiastically ratified their second contract in less than a year, with wage gains ranging from \$1 to \$3.

Since last July, when these members of Local 506 won a 17-week strike for recognition of RWDSU as their union, they have increased their wages by an average of \$4.50 a week.

The current settlement is in the same pattern established last month at the Grant five and dime store in Birmingham.

Negotiating for the union were Regional Dir. Frank Parker and Int'l Rep. Lester Bettice, with a committee consisting of '506' members Cole, Meers, Phillips and Bowen.

Raises Won at Ga. Cotton Warehouse

ATLANTA, Ga.—The workers in the Gulf-Atlantic cotton warehouse won a new contract this month with a wage gain of two and three cents an hour plus an automatic increase of two cents next February, Regional Dir. Frank Parker reported.

Also reported was an understanding with the company that if the federal minimum wage is raised above the present rates in the plant, the higher rate will be put into effect in all classifications.

The negotiating committee was led by Int'l Rep. Bill Connell and included Sam Benton, Johnnie Willis and Frank Williams.

Canada

Ontario Local Covers Members With \$1000 Insurance Policies

TORONTO, Ont.—A precedent-setting insurance plan, first of its kind in Canada, will be instituted for members of Local 414 on April 1, it was reported by Canadian Dir. Thomas McLachlan. The plan will provide \$1,000 life insurance for every member of the local, continuing for as long as they remain members, regardless of where they work.

The 1,800 members of Local 414 live and work in various cities in the Province of Ontario. When MacLachlan first broached the idea of a group policy to cover the entire membership, it was rejected by a number of insurance companies on the grounds that they lacked the necessary statistical information to

compute the premiums that should be paid for such a plan.

Finally, with the help of Abraham Goldberg of the Canada Life Insurance Co., a policy was issued by that company and will go into effect April 1. MacLachlan pointed out that every member will be covered for \$1,000, regardless of any other individual or group policy he may have.

Premiums for the policy will be paid by Local 414 out of its treasury, at no cost to the individual members, MacLachlan added. Those covered by employer-paid insurance or other kinds of group policies will be receiving added protection from their union, while continuing to receive coverage under their present policies.

Wide Social Security Gains At Alliance in Toronto

TORONTO, Ont.—RWDSU members employed at Alliance Dairy, Ltd. gained substantial social security benefits in a contract negotiated earlier this month, Int'l Rep. George Barlow reported. The agreement provides \$2,000 life insurance, sickness and accident benefits of \$40 per week, P.S.I. Medical Plan and comprehensive Blue Cross for members and their families, and company payment of full wages for the first three days of illness or accident.

The pact also provides for wage increases in a number of plant classifications. Vacations are set at two weeks after one year's employment, and three weeks after ten years. Employees called for jury duty will receive from the dairy the difference between their jurors' pay and their regular wages.

A membership meeting of Alliance employees was scheduled for Feb 15, as The Record went to press.



Winnipeg Locals Open Pact Talks

WINNEPEG, Man.—Preparations for contract negotiations were under way in several locals in this area this month, with detailed demands already drawn and approaches being made to employers, Int'l Rep. Chris Schubert reported.

In one case, however, the members of Local 467, who work at the Norwood Box Co., have decided to postpone negotiations until the company expands its paper box department. A series of lay-offs has taken place in the past several months as the company cut back on its production of wooden boxes, with a view to abandoning the wood operation.

Elsewhere, the workers at the Under-

wood Typewriter Co. have submitted a list of demands headed by a wage increase of \$2 a week, and await the company's reaction. Plans are to apply for conciliation if management balks at the union's contract proposals. They include, besides wages, added vacation pay and improvements in travel and uniform allowances.

A final set of demands was prepared by the Ashdown Wholesale Warehouse

workers, including changes in pay practices, a reduction in the work week, three weeks' vacation after 15 years' service, and company payment of half the cost of hospital and doctor care.

In addition, Schubert reported progress in signing up employees of a new plant, now employing some 40 people, but due to expand to 50 or more. Stewards have been elected from among the newly signed workers.

DISTRICT 65

news

EARLY RETURNS:

*1000 Win 15-18 Cent Raises
For 2 Years in '65' Wage Drive*

A look at the huge meeting schedule flashed on a screen at the elevator entrance in 13 Astor Place shows graphically that a wage drive is in progress at District 65. The lists are long, and the building is bursting with meetings of all kinds—crews, shops, groupings of shops, entire locals—discussing ways and means to guarantee much needed wage increases.

The “ways and means” include no secret weapons; they’re tried and true, projected over the years in many a successful ‘65’ wage drive, and put forward at recent General Council meetings by Pres. David Livingston and Organization Dir. Bill Michelson. They include frequent meetings to secure agreement on demands; electing a steward for every crew; completing the surveys of every member’s wages; examining the rates of other unions in the same or similar industries; planning organizing drives where the non-union competitive shops have a

direct effect on collective bargaining; guaranteeing that there are no dues delinquents causing weak spots in the shop; and guaranteeing also that the employer has paid up his Security Plan obligations.

In hundreds of shops 65ers are finding the ways, and grasping the means—and the results are beginning to show. Early returns on the wage drive announced by Organization Dir. Michelson show that some 1,000 members are now covered by new contracts, the bulk of them for two-year periods, providing packages of around 15 to 18 cents an hour. Where employers have not seen fit to agree to larger raises for two year periods, as in many Textile and Dry Goods shops, raises of 10 to 12 cents an hour for one year have been secured.

The early returns in the 1955 wage drive of District 65 are coming in, and they show that wherever careful preparations are made important progress is the result.

FIRE!

Kerosene Blaze in 65er's Home Arouses Members to Demand Crackdown on Greedy Landlords

The campaign against slum tenement firetraps in New York City took on a new and personal meaning for 65ers this month, when a kerosene heater blew up Feb. 3 in the apartment of Miguel Roman, a Corrugated worker. The fire that raged through the Roman apartment at 145 Amsterdam Ave. injured Miguel and his wife Carmen and destroyed everything the family owned, and only Miguel's quick action in leading his family to the roof and from there to an adjoining building saved the lives of his wife and two small children.

In this incident, which did not even rate a line in the daily newspapers, were all the elements of what might easily have become a major disaster: a firetrap tenement, countless violations of health and safety regulations, kerosene heaters, a greedy, profit-hungry landlord—and a city which does little or nothing about these terrible dangers to the very lives of the tenants. Dozens of people, most of them Negroes or Puerto Ricans like Miguel Roman, have died this winter in such tenements. But the landlords who own them are let off with a slap on the wrists (or a \$50 fine, the "penalty" in a case where a death occurred because of building violations).

65ers Quick to Aid Family

The news of the fire in the Roman home brought quick response from 65ers. First, the family needed help. Medical care for Miguel and Carmen Roman and clothing for the family were provided by Security Plan, which also contacted city welfare and housing agencies to obtain needed aid and housing. Roman's co-workers at Grand City Container pitched in and collected more than \$100 to help the family.

But most important, 65ers were aroused to do something to prevent future tenement fires in which the lives of other members might well be at stake. Appointments are being made with Mayor Wagner, Fire Commissioner Cavanagh and Chief Magistrate Murtagh, when officers of '65' will insist that much stronger action be taken by the city and the courts against law-breaking landlords whose criminal negligence brings death. At all membership meetings there is discussion of the Roman fire. Many members are sending telegrams to city authorities urging prompt, effective action against the firetraps; locals are planning to send delegations to visit city officials and press them for answers on why these hazards to life and health are permitted to continue; the Harlem Community Committee at a meeting Feb. 11 mapped plans for a Harlem leaflet distribution Feb. 19, and will send delegations to see the Fire and Housing commissioners.

City Has Failed to Meet Problem

District 65ers, joining many thousands throughout New York, are angry at the city's failure to cope with this problem. Negroes and Puerto Ricans, forced by discrimination and low income to take whatever housing they can get, have been especially victimized by landlords. When tenants complain, the landlord turns a deaf ear, since these tenements are more profitable if no money is spent on repairs. And if a landlord is finally haled into court, the worst that usually happens to him is a small fine.

The answer can and will be found if enough New Yorkers make their voices heard: put teeth in existing laws dealing with violations of fire, health and safety codes; eliminate kerosene heaters by compelling landlords to install central heating, as Baltimore did five years ago; and punish those who profit on human misery by having the courts issue appropriate jail sentences to guilty landlords.



PITIFUL REMNANT of fierce fire which destroyed his home is held by Miguel Roman of '65'. Corrugated Local and Jack Ossosky of Security Plan. Sweater of 5-year-old daughter Mirtha was sole possession not destroyed in kerosene heater fire Feb. 3.



RECORD Photos by Bea Eckstein and Roland Willoughby.

HOMELESS FAMILY of Miguel Roman gathers at '65' Security Plan office where steps have been taken to help them secure city housing apartment and other aid. With Roman, 65er at Grand City Container, are wife Carmen, Orlando, 2½, and Mirtha, 5.

Garment Locals Speed Up Pace Of Organizing

The Garment area locals, led by General Org. Frank Brown, were out in front in the organization of new shops last week as they kicked off a coordinated drive following a meeting of members active in organizing on Saturday, Feb. 5. Earlier organizing activity by this group had netted about 200 signed membership cards in 80 unorganized shops, and Brown announced the signing of a number of contracts among these new shops.

Contracts won in some of the newly organized shops included Sunbeam Fabrics, a Textile Local shop. The workers won \$58 minimums, 10 per cent employer payments to the Security Plan, a 37½ hour work week and three week vacations after 10 years' service. Elsewhere, new contracts were reported near in Harry Ball, a Garment Supply shop, and Korner Fabrics.

New Shops Contacted

The Saturday meeting of 60 active Garment area 65ers pledging time and energy to an organizing campaign was immediately followed on Monday of last week by teams going out in the markets, establishing new contacts and pushing unorganized connections made earlier. As a result a number of new names were added to the roster of "shops in work." Among them are Fleetwood, Adar, Pau-Li and Ashville Fabrics, all textile shops. In addition, contact was made with a large knitwear shop, with some membership cards already signed.

Meanwhile, other locals were canvassing their industries for organizing possibilities. This movement was particularly important in locals whose success in negotiations depends on the organization of competitive low-wage shops.

These activities were in addition to the campaign at the big and important Circulation Associates direct mail firm, where a strike is in its fourth week. As a result of publicity around the strike, three additional direct mail shops were contacted and are being organized by Direct Mail Local members.

Apparel Drive Starts

A campaign got under way in the Apparel Local last week, as well. Local Chairman Sal Puglisi, who has been performing the duties of chairman full time since the beginning of this month, was joined by Vice-Chairman Victor Gruber and Steward Jack Foster in surveying unorganized apparel shops. Additional stewards and rank and filers were to be added to this core of volunteer organizers.

In Cosmetic & Drug, stewards and active members were continuing an industry survey, which has turned up several shops ripe for organization. General Org. Milton Reverby said the local was determined to build its ranks, and plans were to promote daily lunchtime canvassing of unorganized shops.

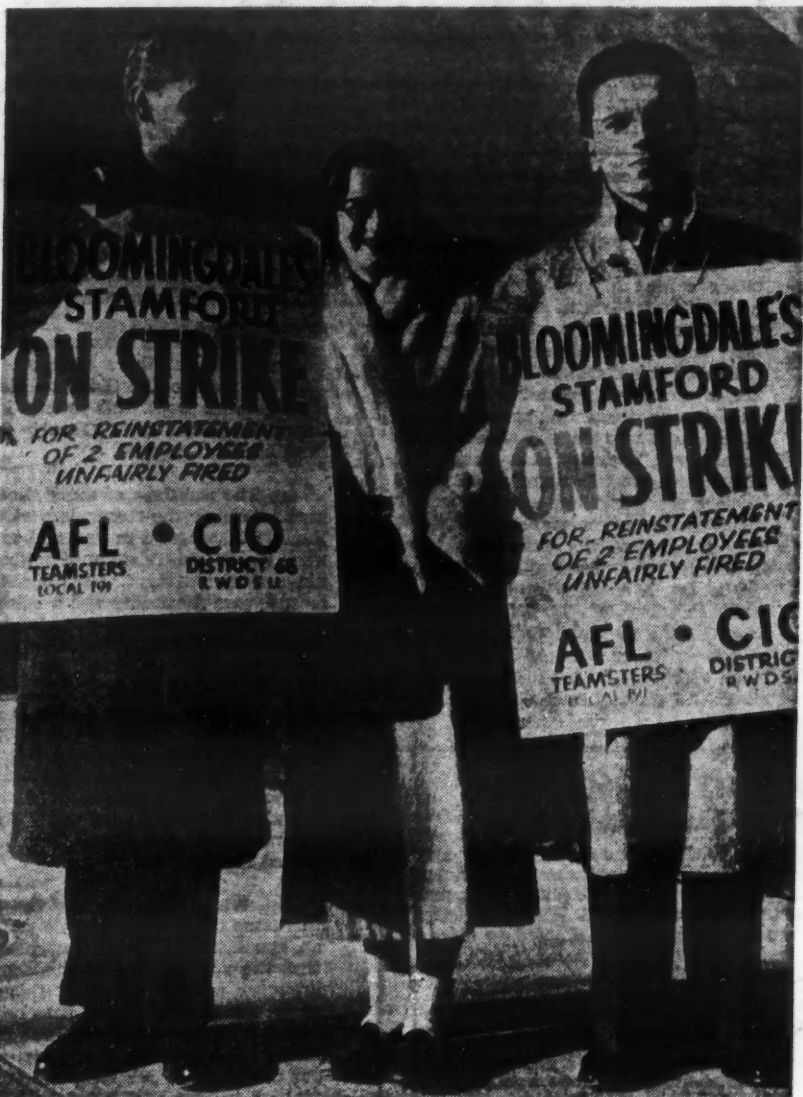
Local Talent a Hit At Local 2 'Shindig'

Local 2—The Gimbel and Saks-34th Street department store members of District 65 held their annual "shindig" on Saturday, Feb. 12 in the Green Room of 13 Astor Place.

As the members came down to the affair, they were greeted with a beautiful display of food arranged by Club 65's catering service. Sam Paso's orchestra had the crowd dancing and singing all evening, with many members joining in the Bunny Hop, La Raspa and other group dances. A show featuring Local 2 was the highspot of the evening, and the big surprise was the fine warbling of Chairman and M.C. Ricky Carbonell.

Chief Org. John Meegan and Org. Adelaide Kramer were on hand and a special round of applause went to Organization Dir. Bill Michelson, who for many years guided Local 2 before it became a part of District 65.

Store 65ers 'Adopt' B'dale Branch Drive



GIMBEL MEMBERS' SUPPORT for Bloomingdale branch store drive is demonstrated by Gimbel employees David Brown, L., and Edward Mieno as they join Jeanette Fuller, fired by Stamford store for union activity, on the picket line. David has an added reason for backing the drive: his mother, Ann Brown, is a Local 3 member employed at Bloomingdale 59th St.

Nine thousand department store members of District 65 have decided to step up sharply their part in the Bloomingdale branch store organizing drive, and support it until the 1,200 branch store employees are covered by '65' contract.

In secret balloting at membership meetings last week, the store 65ers voted by overwhelming majority that each member would either take a regular turn on the picket lines at one of the three branch stores, or give \$1 a month to the strike kitty if unable to picket.

It is against this background of the massing of '65' department store forces behind the Bloomingdale campaign that the company has made another in a series of worried moves which began with the firing of two Stamford employees for union activity. As the joint '65'-Teamster strike at Stamford cut deliveries to a trickle and kept customers away as well, the company, in a letter to each employee, sought to reassure the Stamford employees of its "concern" for their welfare.

The company letter had the opposite effect among the bulk of the Stamford employees, many of whom have already signed up in '65'. Even among those most swayed by company propaganda there was indignation at the lack of concern over the wage differential of \$8 to \$20 a week between suburban store employees and 65ers at the 59th Street store, who are organized in '65'.

While the task of organizing the suburban store lies mainly with the store workers of the District, it is expected that the rest of the union—particularly the veteran members in such locals as Dry Goods, Textile, Corrugated, Shoe and others—will lend their years of experience in union building and their traditional '65' spirit to this crucial campaign.

B'way Stars, Public Figures to Appear At '65' Negro History Celebration Mar. 4

District 65's celebration of Negro History month will be highlighted by an exciting event Friday evening, March 4, when prominent leaders of the NAACP and the United Negro College Fund together with top stars of the stage and TV, will join 65ers in celebrating the contributions to America of the Negro people. Also on that night lifetime membership in the NAACP will be conferred on David Livingston and Cleveland Robinson through the efforts of the '65' Negro Affairs Committee, which has dedicated the sum of \$1,000 raised in committee affairs, to this purpose.

Dr. Channing Tobias, Chairman of the Board of Directors of NAACP, will be the guest speaker. He will present the lifetime NAACP memberships and receive \$1,000 to further NAACP causes. W. J. Trent Jr., Executive Director of the United Negro College Fund, is to receive a contribution of \$500, raised at the last dance run by the Negro Affairs Committee.

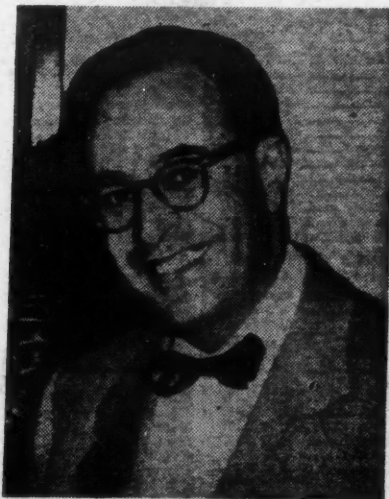
Jazz Stars to Play

An all-star show has been lined up, including such top notch jazz stars as Pops Foster, Cliff Jackson, Cozy Coles and others. Featured also will be Muriel Rahn, who starred in the original stage production of Carmen Jones.

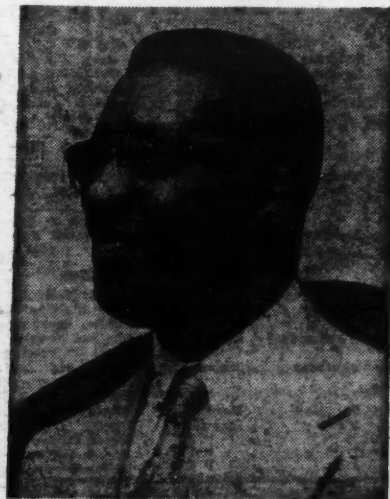
In view of the unprecedented demand for tickets, the Negro Affairs Committee has announced that there will be no door sale, and doors to the affair will be closed at 8:30. To insure maximum enjoyment, the Penthouse Ballroom will be

can be obtained from organizers and Consumer Service. There will be dancing after the affair.

A press conference has been scheduled for the same evening, when '65' officers will outline the union's program for combatting jim-crow and furthering the unity of its entire membership.



DAVID LIVINGSTON



CLEVELAND ROBINSON

To Receive Life Membership in NAACP

Transfer Right of 65ers Upheld:

New Passaic Plant of Revlon To Be Covered by '65' Pact

COSMETIC & DRUG LOCAL—Quick action by District 65 to protect its members' interests followed up an announcement this month by the Revlon Cosmetics Co. that it was moving part of its Bronx plant operations to a new location in Passaic, N. J. At a conference with management Feb. 10, Pres. David Livingston won agreement from the company that the new

plant would be covered by a '65' contract, and that all Bronx workers wanting to transfer to Passaic could do so.

The meeting between Pres. Livingston and Revlon's Personnel Director Gerald Juliber settled several questions which had disturbed 65ers in the Bronx plant, who feared that the company's move might mean a loss of jobs in their shop.

Though this issue was settled, a number of problems remain to be ironed out. Among these are severance pay for workers who do not choose to be transferred, seniority issues, and wage adjustments to take care of increased cost of living for transferred workers.

The company has informed District 65 that it will give the Union full details of the transfer plans within the next two weeks. A meeting of Revlon members was scheduled for Feb. 16, as The Record went to press, to hear a report on the entire question of Revlon's combined operations in the Bronx, Bush Terminal in Brooklyn, and the new Passaic plant.

Livingston Expresses Thanks for Condolences

District 65 Pres. David Livingston, whose mother, Mrs. Elsie Livingston, died Jan. 30, has asked The Record to express his family's deep appreciation of the hundreds of messages of sympathy received from members of the Union.

"The heartache and strain felt by my family," he said, "have been lightened by the knowledge that so many people shared our grief. The expressions of condolences have been a great source of comfort during this period, and all in my family are very grateful."

DISTRICT 65 COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH

Membership meetings are scheduled for the balance of February and March in the neighborhoods listed below. The meetings will provide members in these localities with an opportunity to review the '65' Medical Plan, and discuss their experiences in HIP, and their opinions on HIP and other types of medical benefits. Wives and husbands of members are invited to attend and participate.

East Bronx-West Farms (Zones 59-60-62-72)

Thursday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m.
at James Monroe High School
(E. 172nd St. and Boynton Ave.)

West Manhattan (Zones 18-19-20-23-24-25)

Wednesday, March 9 at 8 p.m.
at Manhattan Tower
Broadway, bet. 76 & 77 Sts., NYC

Sunnyside-Woodside- Jackson Hts.

Wednesday, March 16
at 8 p.m. at P. S. 11
Skillman Ave., bet. 54 and 55 Sts.
(near Roosevelt Avenue)
Woodside, L. I.

Yorkville-East Manhattan (Zones 17-21-22-28)

Wed., March 23 at 8 p.m.
at Kips Bay Health Center
411 East 69th Street
(bet. 1st & York Aves.)

Boro Park-Bensonhurst (Brooklyn Zones 4-9-14-19-28-30)

Wed., March 30 at 8 p.m.
at Jr. H. S. 227
16th Ave. & 65th St., Brooklyn

YOUR UNION BOOK WILL BE STAMPED, crediting you with attendance at your membership meeting for the months of February or March.

DISTRICT 65 MEETING NOTICE

FEBRUARY

DATES	DIVISION	TIME	ROOM
Saturday Feb. 19	Display (Shoe)	10:00 A.M.	5th Floor Lounge
Sunday Feb. 20	Union News & ABC	1:00 P.M.	Room 403
Monday Feb. 21	Insurance	2:00 P.M.	Room 508
Wednesday Feb. 23	Local 5	7:15 P.M.	Penthouse
" " "	New Jersey	7:00 P.M.	Continental Ballroom
" " "	Knitwear	7:00 P.M.	Clover Room
" " "	Retail TV (New Jersey)	10:30 P.M.	Continental Ballroom
" " "	Screen	7:00 P.M.	Room 508
Thursday Feb. 24	Display (Service)	7:00 P.M.	Room 508
" " "	Corrugated	6:30 P.M.	Penthouse
" " "	Cigar	7:00 P.M.	5th Floor Lounge
" " "	Cosmetic & Drug (General)	7:00 P.M.	Clover Room
Monday Feb. 29	Corrugated Nite Shift	11:00 A.M.	5th Floor Lounge

MARCH

DATES	DIVISION	TIME	ROOM
Monday March 7	Direct Mail	6:30 P.M.	Penthouse
Tuesday March 8	News (Peoples Candy)	10:00 A.M.	Room 506
" " "	Needle Processing	6:30 P.M.	Panel Room
Wednesday March 9	Garfield News	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	5th Floor Lounge
" " "	Metal Processing (English)	6:30 P.M.	Green Room
Thursday March 10	Dry Goods	7:00 P.M.	Penthouse
" " "	Display (Dept. Stores)	7:00 P.M.	Room 403
" " "	Food	6:30 P.M.	Oval Room
Saturday March 13	Display (Shoe)	10:00 A.M.	Room 403
Monday March 14	Dental	7:00 P.M.	Room 508
" " "	Metal Processing (Spanish)	6:30 P.M.	Oval Room
" " "	Toy & Giftware	7:00 P.M.	Green Room
" " "	Military	7:00 P.M.	Clover Room
Tuesday March 15	Textile	7:00 P.M.	Penthouse
" " "	Shoe	7:00 P.M.	Green Room

NOTE: Additional meetings for March will appear in the next issue.

13 ASTOR PLACE

By BERNIE STEPHENS and ROLAND WILLOUGHBY

● Phenomenal growth of the money-saving '65' Pharmacy to one of city's biggest is shown by fact it will shortly fill 100,000th prescription, just short of three years since opening (on April 11, 1952). Pharmacy now fills more than 200 Rx's a day, did around \$270,000 volume in 1954. With tremendous use by members have come problems, particularly the long lines in rush hour from 6 to 7 p.m. Initiated by Dave Livingston, plans are underway to speed up service, reduce the lines. These include adding personnel (Rx-man Ed Simeone is due out of Army any day), improving the traffic system, and increasing practice of members mailing prescriptions in advance, so that they'll be ready when you come down to 13 Astor Place.

● Into Security Plan came Patricio Pina of Glasser Textile, father of nine children. He was there to report the imminent birth of his tenth child. "So long," he said to Bill Sidel, on his way out, "and take it easy" . . . Names in the Romance Dept. this month include two Retired Members of '65': Anna Abramson, formerly of Glemby Co., married; and Ida Malman, just retired from Lerner's, engaged.

● The marriage of an appliance salesman made world-wide headlines last week. Perhaps the reason is that the salesman is Alexander, prince-in-exile of Yugoslavia, married in Portugal to Princess Maria Pia of the House of Savoy in what the World-Telegram described as "one of the most glamorous royal weddings of the century". Deep in the story we found this bit of information: "In recent years Alexander was a washing machine salesman, and made a brilliant job of it." We can just see Alex returning from a tough day at the store and complaining to Maria: "I'm quitting," we can hear him saying, "and that boss can go kiss my royal foot . . ."

● Reunion at the Union is planned in March by former employees of S. Blechman & Sons, biggest Drygoods company, which liquidated about five years ago. Lillian Dressman asks that former Blechman people interested in attending call her at HOHs 4-8252 . . . Latest rave note on Les Yellin, star of last year's '65' basketball team in its Madison Sq. Garden contest and now playing with St. Francis college: "With three full years ahead of him, he could be one of the best before he's through," says St. Francis coach Dan Lynch, quoted in New York Post.

● While preparing for the interview with Ralph Bunche (published in this issue of The Record) we called Dr. Bunche at the UN and asked him for an appointment. In the best professional manner we could assume, we urged that the appointment be a speedy one, inasmuch as we have a deadline, the interview was scheduled for this issue, the printer was waiting for copy, and so on. Dr. Bunche replied that he was busy with the plan to put atomic energy to use for peaceful purpose, was involved in the Formosa crisis, the Indo-China matter, the Arab-Israel dispute, and so on . . . Which shows that we all have our problems. . . Several crews of the '65' staff have chipped in for trees to be planted in Israel in memory of the late Mrs. Elsie Livingston, mother of the '65' president.

● **ONCE OVER LIGHTLY:** The cold weather bringing color to many 65ers' cheeks on the picketlines at Bloomingdale's Stamford, and Circulation Associates strikes . . . Definitions by Joseph Mandewirth of Breakstone Bros.: Marriage—"love parsonified"; Bedbug—"an undercover agent" . . . Anniversaries of note: Irving Goldstein of Fibertex Fabrics and wife Mary, Silver Wedding Anniversary on March 9; Morris Rosenzweig, '65' Controller and one of the best-liked and respected figures around 13 Astor Place, and wife Miriam, 15th Wedding Anniversary celebrated Feb. 1st.

New Credit Union Regulations Govern Loans to Members

Treasurer Ruby Schochet of the '65' Credit Union has announced new regulations for borrowing from the Credit Union, effective March 1. The new rules are part of a program, adopted at the annual shareholders' meeting last month, for meeting the problem of loan delinquency. Schochet said the new rules aim to "assure that members who use the money in our union's savings and loan cooperative are responsible members."

Schochet emphasized that in order to guarantee sound operation of the Credit Union, each local must take responsibility for its Credit Union affairs through local committees which will keep the membership informed of loan delinquency and other aspects of CU activity.

Following are the revised eligibility requirements for membership in the District 65 Credit Union, and the rules for obtaining loans.

Membership in Credit Union

- Any member or applicant of District 65 in good standing is eligible for membership in the Credit Union.
- He must have on deposit at least one share, which is \$5, to be a member of the Credit Union.

Rules To Obtain A Loan

- A member of the Union in good standing for one year or more is eligible to borrow up to \$250 provided he has at least 10% of the loan amount in shares. Borrowers of more than \$250 must have at least \$25 in shares.
- Any applicant for a first loan of \$150 or more, who has less than two years on the job, must have a co-maker (except where a job is basic crew and/or loan is covered by collateral). Responsible co-makers need not necessarily be members of the Union.

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- When borrower has less than three years of employment in union shops, co-maker must have longer service than borrower.
- All loans over \$500 must have co-makers or some form of collateral.
- No loan may be refinanced unless 50% or more of original amount is paid off.
- A loan may be refinanced twice. Thereafter, the current loan balance must be paid in full before applying for a new loan.
- All applications must be approved by the Credit Committee. The Credit Committee may approve loans up to \$500 in excess of shares on a member's signature, or up to \$3500 if the member has co-makers or collateral.

65ers Join CIO in Albany Drive for Jobless Pay Increase



REVLON 65ERS ARE BUSY preparing contract summaries and wage schedules in preparation for coming contract negotiations. Around the table are, l. to r. Minnie Pomerantz, Sarah Moskowsky, Mary Giglio, Jerry Bernstein, Rose Carbone, Org. Dean Zavattaro, Louis Brenner, Jean Ryan, James Thomas. Demands were scheduled for presentation at membership meeting Feb. 16.

Three District 65 leaders, including Sec.-Treas. Cleveland Robinson, Security Plan Dir. Kenneth Sherbell and Employment Dir. Joe Tillem, joined a CIO delegation in Albany Feb. 15 to speak with State legislators on CIO demands for improvements in unemployment insurance.

The unionists presented the following demands for improving the laws: Coverage of shops of 1 to 4 workers; reduction of the 20-week work eligibility provision to 15 weeks; an increase in maximum benefits from the present \$30 to \$36; and extra allowances for dependents.

Delegates also expressed their support for a State resolution urging Congress to increase the federal minimum wage from 75c to \$1.25. Representing CIO state and city councils at these discussions were City CIO Sec.-Treas. Morris Iushewitz and State CIO Sec.-Treas. Harold Garno.

Meanwhile, in another aspect of the District 65 campaign for unemployment benefit improvements, Joe Tillem reported that he has received an answer to his letters to Gov. Harriman of N. Y. calling for the elimination of inequities in benefits paid to members who work in both New York and New Jersey during a year.

At present, when a worker's employment in both states adds up to the necessary weeks to qualify, but his employment in a single state is insufficient, he is not eligible.

Gov. Averell Harriman had referred the matter to Industrial Commissioner Isidore Lubin, who explained that when reciprocal agreements with other states were offered, New Jersey officials would not act because they said they "lacked legal authority." He stated that N. Y. favors such an arrangement and added, "you can be sure that in the event N. J. is now able to enter into such an agreement, N. Y. will be more than ready to sign."

As The Record went to press, an answer was awaited from Gov. Meyner, of New Jersey.

Wage Drive Takes Work by Many



DIRECT MAIL NEGOTIATORS IN ACTION are shown above during negotiations meeting Feb. 9 at Lexington Hotel. Talks were held there with Direct Mail Master Contract Ass'n on the Feb. 1 reopener of contract covering 1,800 workers in 39 shops, with Organizers Jim Ward and Frank Patten leading committee of 28 in pressing demands for \$5 wage increases and other contract improvements.



TEXTILE STEWARDS, meeting Feb. 9, worked up plans for building-by-building organizing drive as earlier industry surveys produced contacts with unorganized, leading to signing up 200 workers in 80 shops. Drive is developing during Local's wage campaign. Settlements thus far are ranging from \$4 and more for one year to \$10 for two years.

Columbia Combining Offer Rejected

PAINT & CHEMICAL LOCAL—The management of Columbia Combining Co., located in Brooklyn, after countering the workers' demands with attempts to cut wages, has now made an offer of a \$2 wage increase for the 50 operators but no increase to the helpers, General Org. Ben Berman reported. The contract expired Dec. 31 and covers 75 workers.

The offer, which came from the company in negotiations Feb. 9, was rejected by the shop and further talks are scheduled. The Columbia Combining workers are seeking coverage under the '65' Pension Plan, a 15 cent hourly increase, an additional paid holiday, sick leave and improved vacations. The shop has a sizeable strike fund and is geared for any eventuality, Berman said.

Unfair labor charges have been filed with the NLRB against the employer of Adhesive Products, newly organized shop in the paint & chemical Local, where the employer has handed out \$5 and \$6 increases, and is attempting to force the workers out of '65' and into a company union, Berman said.

Annual Relief Drive To Start in March

The annual Relief Drive of District 65 is scheduled to start in the coming month, it was reported to The Record. The drive is in the discussion stages, and among proposals to be put before the March General Council meeting is a three-month campaign in which 65ers will have the opportunity to contribute to their favorite cause through the union.

As in the past, 65ers will be encouraged to use the union's facilities to contribute to the support of worthy organizations, thus demonstrating their awareness, as union members, of their responsibility to the community.

LA VOZ HISPANA

La Local de Direct Mail Sostiene Huelga en Circulation Assoc.

Más de 800 miembros de la Local de Direct Mail en nuestra Unión salieron en huelga en Enero 31 a respaldar la huelga de los trabajadores en Circulation Associates, apesar del tiempo frio de 14 grados.

Los 200 trabajadores de esta taller desean pertenecer al Distrito 65 y que vuelvan al trabajo los treinta empleados que fueron despedidos del mismo por tratar de hacerse miembros de nuestra Unión.

Mientras que unos pocos de los trabajadores cruzaron los piquetes, el Org. Dir. Michelson que se encarga de esta campaña dijo que la gran mayoría estaban afuera.

Consejo de la CIO Nos Ayuda

Los planes para mayor éxito en esta campaña son grandes y el Org. Bill O'Connor atribuyó que el éxito en la línea de piquete es un factor importante para los miembros en la Industria de Direct Mail y reconoce que será importante para organizar a los otros talleres

70 Miembros Asistieron Mitin en el Este Harlem

El Comité del Este de Harlem celebró el jueves 10 de febrero una asamblea en español para los miembros hispanos en la Casita Maria. Asistieron cerca de 70 miembros y hubo una discusión muy interesante acerca del Plan Médico y los servicios del H.I.P.

Reina gran entusiasmo entre todos los miembros y están dispuestos a cooperar en todo lo posible para formar parte activa del comité. Entre los presentes se encontraban Irving Baldinger, director del Plan Médico, Armando Ramirez, Organizador y Julio Reyes, chairman del Comité.

Bloomingtonales Rehusa Oferta Para Mediar en Stamford

La Firma de Bloomingtonales ha rehusado enfáticamente la oferta para discutir frente a cualquier grupo mediador la suspensión de dos miembros del comité de su trabajo en Stamford, Conn., el Sábado día 19 de Enero, lo

que trajo como consecuencia la huelga en este sector. El Distrito 65 y los Teamsters del A.F.L. conjuntamente están dirigiendo la huelga, y como resultado muchas de las mercancías se han paralizado, evitando el que entren a la tienda. Otras de las Locales de los Teamsters están respetando las líneas de los piquetes. Muchos de los clientes han dejado de entrar a la tienda al ver los piquetes, en conjunto del CIO y del A.F.L.

El Organizador Carl Andren ha dicho, que a despecho de la distancia que hay que recorrer diariamente, los piquetes han aumentado considerablemente y muchos de los trabajadores de las tiendas por departamentos han concurrido a las líneas de piquetes en sus días libres. Además, manifestó Carl, que los trabajadores de las tiendas votaran esta semana para

hacer una derrama de un peso cada uno para ayudar a financiar la huelga.

Mientras los piquetes siguen su marcha frente a la tienda la Unión redobla los esfuerzos para conseguir mediar o arbitrar la disputa. Un anuncio en la prensa de Stamford, que apareció la semana pasada y que estaba firmado por la Local 191 de los Teamsters y el Distrito 65, solicitaba soporte del pueblo para que indujera a la Compañía a mediar a través de "Stamford Citizens Labor Management Committee. La compañía ha rehusado hasta ahora los servicios de este Comité.

Mientras tanto, los piquetes de organización continúan en las otras dos tiendas de la compañía, en Fresh Meadows, L.I., y New Rochelle. A los miembros de Distrito 65 se les ha pedido que sirvan en uno de estos piquetes en sus días libres.

Los que quieran hacerlo voluntariamente, deberán presentarse en el séptimo piso del Distrito 65 al No. 13 de Astor Place cualquier mañana de lunes a viernes, hora, las 9:00 a.m.

Se Llenan Planillas De 'Income Tax' para 65ers

El Comité del Distrito 65 que se dedica a asistir a los miembros en llenar las planillas del "Income Tax" se reunirá todos los lunes, de 6 a 8 de la noche, en el quinto piso, según nos anunció Rhett Friedman, directora del comité.

Todos los miembros que deseen ayuda para llenar estas planillas deberán traer todos los documentos concernientes al caso para que el comité pueda ayudarle correctamente.

Este es un servicio que se hace gratis para los miembros del 65 y debe ser utilizado por todos los que lo necesiten.

que aún no se han organizado.

Mientras la huelga continúa, Morris Iushewitz, representando en la ciudad de Nueva York a la CIO, estuvo en conferencia con el Consejo de los "Teamsters" de la AFL para tener mayor cooperación en la misma.

Ya hemos conseguido el apoyo de los litógrafos de la CIO, lo cual nos demuestra una vez más la solidaridad de los trabajadores organizados y unidos en una misma lucha.

Campana sobre Salarios en Marcha

Una campaña en los contratos del Distrito 65 es un evento en la gran ciudad metropolitana de Nueva York, porque envuelve los salarios de miles de neoyorquinos y sus familiares. Este año no es una excepción, cuando todos los miembros del Distrito tienen la vista fija en el futuro, para tener ganancias que cubran sus necesidades. Las demandas son en casi todas las sesiones de la Unión de 25c la hora, y en casi todas partes han acordado firmar un contrato por dos años, para establecer mejor relaciones de bienestar entre patronos y obreros.

Esta campaña en el Distrito está llena de promesas. Pero no debemos olvidar que buenos arreglos de contratos nunca han venido fácil, ni en el 65 ni en otra Unión, y por lo tanto tampoco vendrán fácil este año. El Presidente del Distrito, David Livingston, ha puesto en prueba a muchos miembros, particularmente a los Stewards, para que pongan las negociaciones en marcha y ganen aumentos satisfactorios para los miembros.

Esto significa, mítines regulares y frecuentes de cada taller, el cual tenga expiración de contrato o reapertura del mismo. En esto se envuelve a casi todos los miembros del Distrito, los cuales establecerán demandas, nombrarán comités para negociar, tomarán información de los salarios y condiciones de cada miembro, velarán porque todos hayan pagado sus cuotas, así como velar que todos los patronos hayan pagado el Plan de Seguro. Sin olvidar que nunca habrá buenos arreglos a menos que no haya una buena y fructífera campaña de organización.

Esta campaña está siendo llevada a cabo al pie de la letra por los miembros en muchas secciones, de acuerdo con los informes rendidos en otra sección de este periódico. Qué están haciendo en su taller? Qué se hace en su Local?



RECORD photo by Jimmy Vargas
Williamsburg-Greenpoint 65ers listen intently to Medical Plan report at community membership meeting held at YMCA in Brooklyn last month.

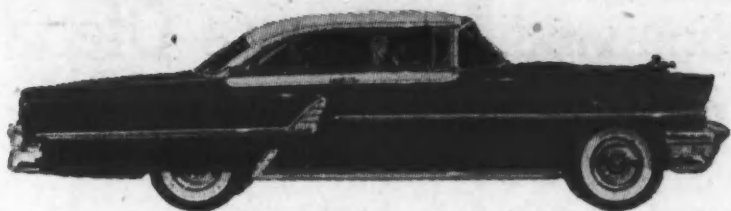
Community Meetings Air HIP Problems

IN the current series of community membership meetings, in addition to reviewing the work of the Medical Plan and problems of working with HIP, the members are discussing other possible means to provide medical care. The monthly meetings are being put to their best use, as mem-

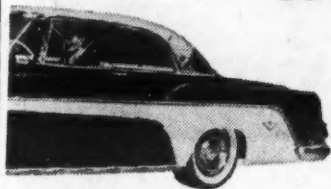
bers take the floor to sound off with their opinions and ideas on their health care program. Additional community meetings have been scheduled for March, and the list appears in this issue on Page 4-A.



RECORD photo by Clearence Bouman
Community Committee Chairman Julio Reyes opens meetings of East Harlem group earlier this month at Casita Maria in Manhattan, as Medical Plan Dir. Irving Baldinger, I., and Organizer Armando Ramirez, listen.

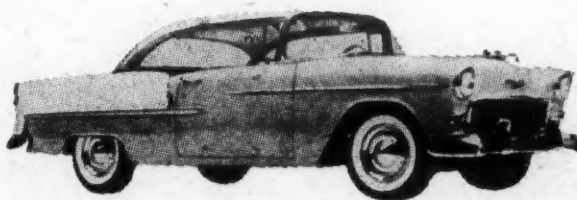


'55 CARS At Great Savings to 65ers!



District 65 Credit Union has arranged with various new car dealers for purchase of 1955 cars **AT FLEET RATE discounts.**

Through the '65' Credit Union, members can also finance car purchases for a period up to three years at low Credit Union interest rates with convenient weekly or monthly payments (no hidden or extra charges).



DISTRICT 65 CREDIT UNION

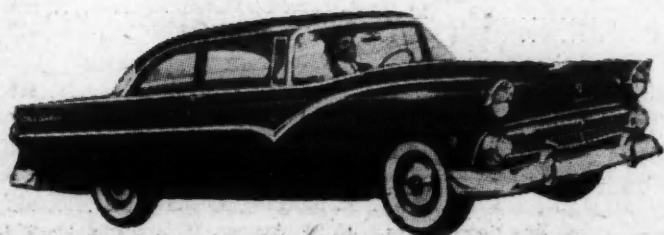
9th floor, 13 Astor Place

Open Mon. through Thursday
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

THE '65' Credit Union has funds available for loans to responsible borrowers for home improvements, storm windows and doors, taxes, tuition and many other personal needs.



Namm-Loeser Membership Approves New Pact Terms

LOCAL 1250—Eight hundred members working in Namm-Loeser's department store approved terms for settlement of their contract reopener at a membership meeting last week, as The Record went to press. They greeted with special enthusiasm the contract coverage won for the Brooklyn store's two suburban branches now operating, plus another now in the blueprint stage.

The Namm membership left full acceptance of the agreement open, however, while further negotiations are held to establish appropriate wage rates in the Namm warehouse, Organization Dir. Bill Michelson said. Company agreement to such negotiations came at a conference with union officers shortly before the ratification meeting last week.

Coverage of Namm's suburban stores came on the heels of joint strike action by District 65 and the AFL Teamsters at Bloomingdale's Stamford branch store. Organizational picketing at Bloomingdale's three suburban branches was changed to a strike at the Stamford store last month when the company fired two committee members for union activity.

In addition to contract coverage of the Namm stores in Bayshore and Woodmere, L. I., plus the new store due in Lake Success, L. I., the Namm settlement provides wage increases of \$1 a week retroactive to last April; incorporation into the contract of the company's pension plan; and extension of the contract until 1958, with annual reopeners.

Also won were commission increases of a half of one percent, making a total of one percent, for salesmen in the better shoe departments.

Incorporation of the company pension plan in the union contract was made on the condition that the union has the right to cancel the contract and strike if discussions between the union and the company fail to resolve problems arising from certain limitations of the company plan.

The negotiations which resulted in the

current settlement had been under way for several months. Last month the talks had reached a stalemate, and preparations were launched for an arbitration of the contract. Subsequently, however, the company requested a postponement of arbitration in favor of further negotiations, and it was in the latter series of conferences that the agreement was reached.

Pension Big Demand At Van Iderstine

CHEMICAL & PAINT LOCAL—The 255 workers employed in the big Van Iderstine fat rendering plant in Long Island City are pressing for coverage under the '65' Pension Plan, which is sorely needed, plus a modest wage increase, Org. Morris Doswell reported. The contract expired Nov. 1, 1954.

Many of the Van Iderstine workers already have 25 years of seniority, and approximately 50 employees have 15 or more years. At a previous meeting with management, the shop rejected as inadequate an offer of a 4 cent increase and a third week vacation after 15 years. This offer has not yet been improved in subsequent negotiations.

Talks at this writing have been held up pending the return of Charles Haussermann Jr., representing management, who is in Chicago discussing the Van Iderstine contract with top officials of the company.

Annual Health Check-Ups on For 65ers in 14 HIP Groups

Annual health checkups for 65ers are being conducted in 14 Medical Groups of H.I.P. under arrangements made by community committee members, Medical Plan Dir. Irving Baldinger reports. Approximately 300 members are getting such examinations each week, as a result of this phase of the community committee program.

The community committees, following discussions with the doctors of the various medical groups, are scheduling appointments at the group centers for 65ers to have chest x-rays, urine analysis, blood tests and other standard procedures of a thorough health check-up.

At the various centers committee mem-

bers are on duty on the nights when 65ers report for their exams to assist in guiding members through the laboratory work and securing follow-up appointments for the members with their H.I.P. family doctors.

When members see their family doctors they are informed of the results of the laboratory tests and also have their heart and lungs, nose, ears and throat checked by the doctor.

Of the 14 medical groups where examinations are being conducted, eight are in communities led by Org. Armando Ramirez; four in communities led by Org. Bill Sidel; and two in areas guided by Org. Al Tyler.



FINANCE COMMITTEE of General Council, charged with proposing up to date finance rules for District, meets in first session above. Consisting of one representative of each local, the committee broke into two groups to study regulations regarding meeting and arrears fines, dues inspection procedures, applicant requirements and others, with a view to recommending changes if necessary. Committee is led by Sec.-Treas. Cleveland Robinson, Controller Morris Rosenzweig and Finance Dept. Dir. Harry Karpe. On deck is Kurt Rosenbaum of Vim.

Drug Local Cops Hoop First; Playoff Round Opens Feb. 18

By John O'Neill

The Drug Store Cowboys of Local 1199 rolled on to their eleventh straight win in '65' League play for the second year in a row capturing first place in the standings. They accomplished this feat by burying their nearest rivals, fast-breaking Doubleday Book to the tune of 80-59, and the Textile Local hoopsters by a 72-44 score.

District 65 League Final Team Standings

Team	W.	L.
Local 1199	11	0
Textile Local	9	2
General Electric	8	3
Zurich Insurance	8	3
Doubleday Book	7	4
Miles Shoe	5	6
Paper-Mate Pen	5	6
Lerners	4	7
Bloomingtons	4	7
Davega	3	8
Revlon	2	9
New Jersey Local	0	11

Championship Playoffs

(All Games at Stuyvesant H.S.
15 St. & First Ave., NYC)

QUARTER FINALS

Friday, Feb. 18
7:00 Textile—Paper-Mate
8:15 General Electric—Miles

Friday, Feb. 25
7:00 Doubleday—Zurich Insurance

SEMI-FINALS

Tuesday, March 1
7:00 Winner of Textile Paper Mate
vs. winner of Zurich—Doubleday
8:15 Winner of Miles—G.E. vs Local
1199

FINALS

Tuesday, March 8
7:00 Losers of March 1 play for 3rd
place
8:15 Winners of March 1st play for
Championship.

Taking first place honors in round robin play not only carries the laurels that go with it, but also enables the '1199' lads to sit-back while the other teams knock each other off in the first round of the post season elimination Playoffs for the Championship. The '1199' crew has just one force left to fight against, and that's the jinx which has not permitted a team in first place in the League standings to come through and win the Championship playoffs.

If anyone can beat the jinx, '1199' can. The Drug Store Cowboys have assembled a fine, well-balanced club featuring just enough height in their top rebounders, Shelly Kronsky, Bones Levine and Elliott Ferebee, and a good scoring punch in top league scorer Johnny Dolinac, Larry Goldstein and Reggie Myers.

The two games that should have given the '1199' crew the most trouble proved to be their best games to date. Against Doubleday, they had to hold down high scoring Al Jones and didn't quite succeed, because Al scored 36 points. But '1199' tied the rest of the Doubleday squad in knots, holding their total output to a meager 21 points.

Against Textile, the Drug Local faced a well played zone which Textile threw up to combat its lack of height. At half time '1199' could only pull away to an 11 point lead, held back chiefly by the fine rebounding and scoring of Nelson Morales, Tony D'Amico and John Visconti of the Textile squad. But in the third quarter Myers, Levine and Dolinac broke the game wide open for '1199', hitting for 20, 20 and 12 respectively.



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Eduardo Salgado of Lerners with his first prize painting, "The Mighty Atom."

Art Exhibit Wind-Up

District 65's 1954-55 art exhibit, hailed as the biggest and best of the three that have been held, came to a close Feb. 4th with announcement of the winning paintings named by 65ers in balloting held during the six-week show. More than 1,500 votes were cast, with first prize going to Eduardo Salgado of Lerners, second to Paul Skoorka, of Schranz & Bieber, third to Robert Wood, of Brooklyn Color Works, fourth to Julio Collazo, of Davega, and fifth to Herman Margulies, of Ever Ready Label.

Recreation Dir. Sol Molofsky made the announcements at an art forum attended by more than fifty 65ers, at which a discussion on current trends in art was led by Lev-Landau and chaired by Art Committee Chairman Skoorka. Mr. Lev-Landau, a prominent artist, attacked exponents of "non-objective" art for foisting formless and

meaningless works upon the public. He praised District 65's interest in art and its encouragement of members' work in this field, stating that he hoped other unions would follow its example.

Skoorka told of plans for future exhibits and classes, and urged members to attend the present series of classes held Tuesday evenings in Room 502 of District 65 Center.

In addition to the five prizes honorable mention, in the Exhibit was garnered by Herman Natkin, Eugene Gordon, Joseph Manfre, Louise Hoffman and Al Sachs.



Art Forum at '65' Center Feb. 4 rang curtain on six-week Exhibit in which more than 1,500 votes were cast by members of the Union for their favorite paintings. Lev-Landau, prominent artist, addressed the group and conducted lively question and answer period on all schools of art.

District 65 Bowling League Standings and High Scores

Team	Won	Lost	HIGH INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES	
Lincoln Letter	36½	20½	J. Salerno, Ever Ready	166
Everready Label	35	22	A. Zinsmeister, New Era	162
Grand City	33	21	S. Molinaro, Grand City	162
James Gray	32	25	A. Altschuler, Lincoln Ltr.	161
Bloomingtons	29	25	A. Saccenti, G.E.	160
Textile	29	28	E. Loud, Bloomingtons	160
New Era	28½	28½		
General Electric	26	31		
HIGH TEAM GAME			HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME	
HIGH TEAM SERIES—3 Gms.			Bloomingtons	889
Ever Ready Label	2483		Ever Ready Label	885
Blomingtons	2424		Grand City	867
James Gray	2420			
HIGH INDIV. SERIES—3 Gms.				
Frank Pauly Textile	609		E. Kalinsky, Bloomingtons	237
John Salerno, Ever Ready	595		H. Manheimer, Bloomingtons	236
Harvey Manheimer, B'dale	592		J. Salerno, Ever Ready	231

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feature Section



Blooming poinsettias, one of several tropical species '280' members work with, are tied by Betty Denniston, Rudy Radik, Grace Armstrong

8 Acres of Glass Covered by RWDSU Contract

THE Ohio Valley is known less for its beautiful flowers than for its steel mills. But in the midst of all the factories, about 100 RWDSU members work under eight acres of glass for the largest wholesale producer of cut flowers and blooming plants in the region: John Dieckmann & Sons of Elm Grove, W. Va.

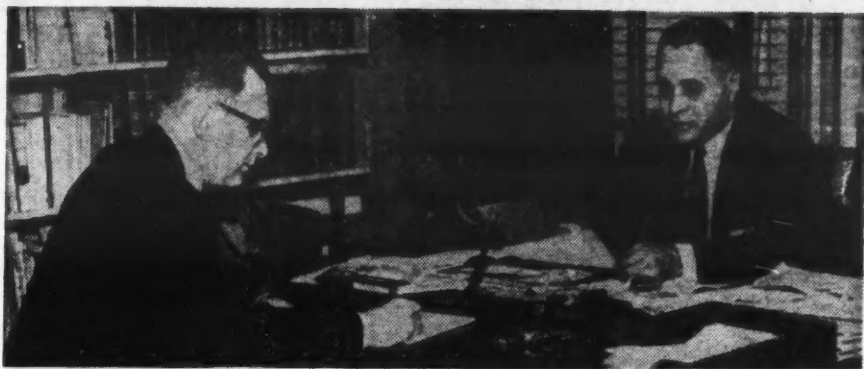
Mel Clark, president of Local 280, agrees with a grin that it's a sweet job you like the perfume of a couple of thousand varieties of greenery. Right

now, though, the '280' members are in the middle of contract negotiations, and they're concentrating on another kind of green stuff, the folding kind. There has been no agreement yet, and another negotiating session was due last week, as *The Record* went to press. In addition to wage and other improvements, the Local 280 people are seeking coverage by unemployment insurance, which the company has thus far denied, claiming exemption from the law.

Roses sold by Dieckmann in February will bloom in June. Here Art Sliger and '280' Pres. Melvin Clark dig up six-year old bushes.



Foto-Feature by Robert Dobbs



Bernard Stephens interviews Ralph Bunche in his UN office.

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EXCLUSIVE

Interview with **RALPH BUNCHE**

By Bernard Stephens

Q. Do you feel race relations have improved in the United States in the past few years?

A. Yes, the walls are breaking down. There has been a steady and significant improvement in race relations in this country, particularly over the past ten years. Discrimination against Negroes has definitely lessened all

over the country, even in some Southern communities. The biggest event in this connection, of course, was the Supreme Court decision banning segregation in the schools.

Q. You said in 1950 that you would not live in Washington, D.C. because of the discrimination prevalent there. Would you live there today?

A. The answer is yes. If my work took me to Washington, I would live there. There have been some remarkable changes in Washington in the past four or five

years. The restaurants, theatres, hotels—and now the schools—are opening up to Negroes.

Q. What effect has the Supreme Court decision banning segregation in the schools had on our relations with other nations?

A. A good effect, unquestionably. The ruling of the Supreme Court was well received in all parts of the world,

and undoubtedly helped our relations with other nations.

Q. What can trade unionists do to back up the Supreme Court decision?

A. This is a question I ought to be asking you. However, it is well to keep in mind that the Supreme Court decision is now the law of the land, and it is the responsibility of all citizens to abide by the law. Trade unionists have a special responsibility, because of the particular way in which discrimination and segregation affect them. The trade unions in the Thirties began to realize that their strength depended on organizing all working men and women. If the Negro worker was left out,

he became a marginal worker and a threat to the standards and security of all. Therefore, joining together of Negro and white workers has been looked upon by labor as a bread and butter question, as against the theoretical, "do-good" approach of others. The union approach to this problem is the most practical one, and unions therefore can do much, very much, to see to it that the Supreme Court decision is applied everywhere.

Q. What is your view on the prospects for maintaining world peace?

A. I am strongly optimistic. There has been a steady, perceptible lessening of tensions. This was particularly manifested at the last UN General Assembly meeting, where for the first time there was unanimous action on some aspects of disarmament and the peaceful use of atomic energy. There was nothing startling in this re-

spect, but there was the tendency on all sides to lessen tensions. Of course, the Formosa situation has presented a new crisis, but I do not believe that the improved atmosphere has been destroyed. I have the hope that the same methods utilized in past crisis situations, from Berlin on, will prevail and that war will be avoided.

Q. What are the chances for permanent solution of the Arab-Israel dispute?

A. I believe that this problem will be solved, but it is well to keep in mind that this was a bitter war while it lasted. Since in our country there are still some who are fighting the Civil War, it is not surprising that tensions remain from the Arab-Israel war. In the past few months, however, there appear to have been less border incidents

than at any time in years, justifying a feeling of optimism. I would add that the key question is the Arab refugee problem. This is a major irritant. There are too many of them, too close to the borders, and I feel that the total solution hinges on settlement of this problem.

Q. Which aspects of UN work have progressed the most in the past few years, which hold the most promise for the future?

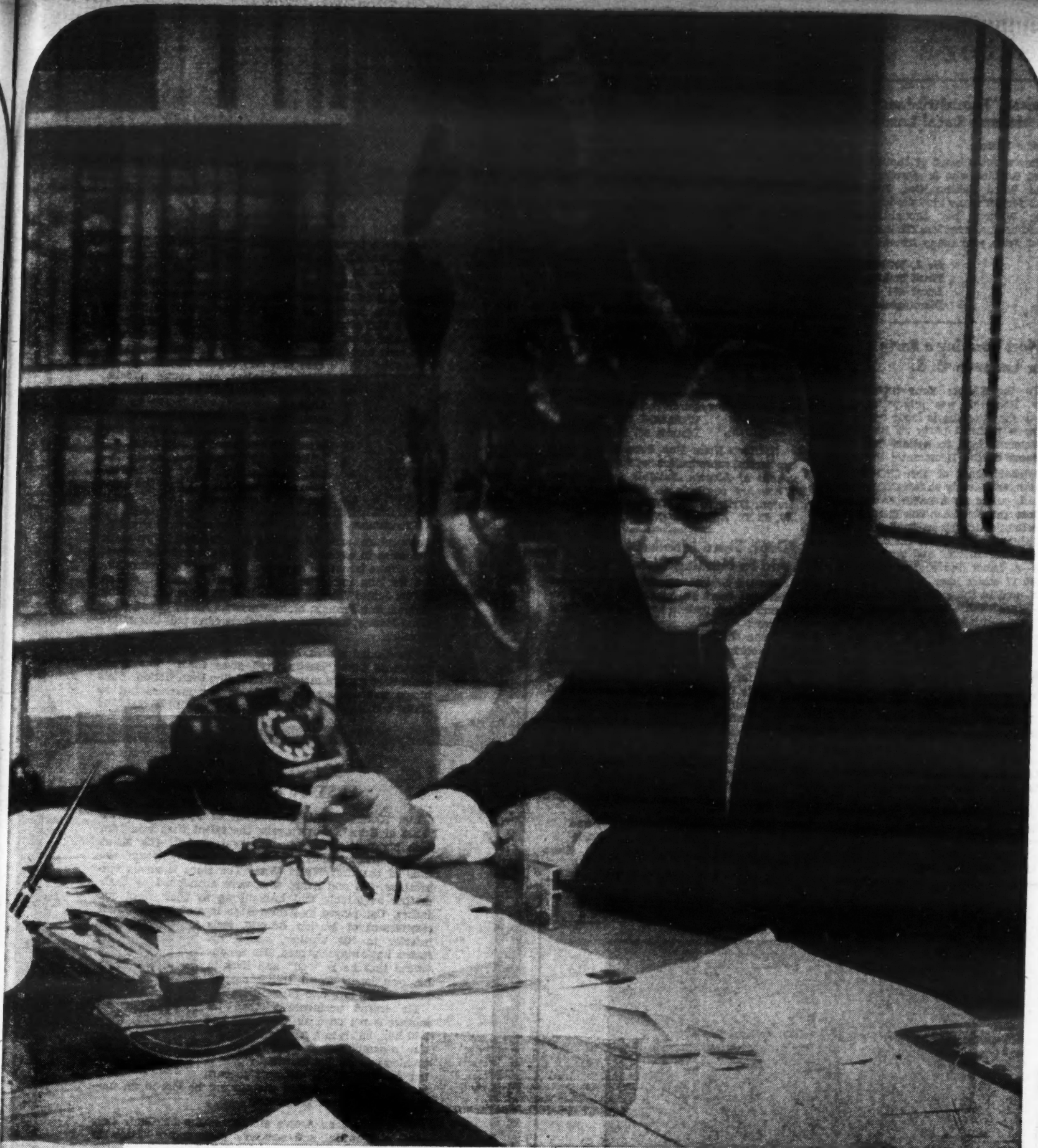
A. The work of suppressing wars in Korea, Indo-China and Palestine, the work in the colonial field, and the technical assistance to nations. Certainly one of the most promising UN activities—holding great promise of higher living standards and a better life for people everywhere—is its technical assistance work. (The program

under which under-developed nations are taught modern agricultural and industrial methods in order to increase productivity and raise living standards.—Ed. Note.) Also holding great promise for the future is the UN's new venture in the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

Q. Under the UN Charter, during the year 1955 a meeting could be convened at which changes in the Charter might be made. Do you feel the Charter should be changed?

A. I do not attach much importance to holding such a meeting. I feel the major problem confronting us is to improve the climate of international relations through disarmament, control of atomic energy, etc., rather than

the mechanics of the UN Charter. If we develop the proper atmosphere, whatever changes in the Charter are deemed desirable will be simple and automatic.



The Man Who Kept a Vow...

Ralph Johnson Bunche was 13 when he first met jim-crow. He and his mother went to a movie one evening in Albuquerque, N.M., and the usher insisted that, as Negroes, they had to sit in the back row. His mother indignantly refused and marched down to the center of the theater. Bunche, today 50 and a figure of world wide stature, never forgot his mother's reaction—and her victory. Throughout his brilliant career, which includes winning the Nobel Peace Prize for bringing about an Armistice between Israel and the Arab States, and great accomplishments in academic and government life, he has kept a vow, made as a youngster, never to bow to jim-crow.

Interviewed in his office high up in the UN building in New York, the soft-spoken, handsome,

athletic Dr. Bunche made you feel proud of an America that could send so fine a representative to the world assembly, as Under Secretary General; and he made you feel ashamed that prejudice could keep some Americans from appreciating his great value to the nation and the world.

He answered questions quickly and surely, revealing throughout a supreme confidence in the ultimate triumph of fair play over jim-crow, of peace over war. Dr. Bunche was asked what he does in his spare time, and he smiled. He doesn't have much of that, he said, but he had played basketball at UCLA, and he sure would like to get out to see some games with his teen-age son—if he can ever get an evening off.

RECORD Photo by Roland Willoughby

letters to the editor:

Praises 'Thoughtfulness' of Alabama Local Leader

To the Editor:

How about a word of thanks to Margaret Robbins who is secretary of Local 441, (Ward Baking Co., Birmingham, Ala.) for her many kind deeds to us members. Without her thoughtfulness we would be at a great loss. Thank you, Margaret, from your many friends at Wards.

H. J. NORRIS
Ward Baking Co.
Local 441
Birmingham, Ala.

Favors Forming a Party For Labor in U. S.

To the Editor: Your interview with Mrs. Roosevelt was interesting because what she is saying is labor ought not to form a political party of its own. Her statements lead to action—but only in support of the Democratic Party.

Michael Quill of the CIO Transport Union, as recently as the CIO convention openly asked for a Labor Party. In fact, before the elections The Record had an excellent article by an English union man in which he pointed to the difference between the British and American workers—a Labor Party. Let us not forget that 17 states have Democratic Governors—and in those states so-called "Right to Work" (anti-union) laws govern.

A DISSENTER
New York, N. Y.

Wants Social Security Age Dropped from 65 to 60

To the Editor: I notice in the Congressional Record that several bills have been introduced in Congress to reduce the Social Security eligible age from 65 to 60 and also one to reduce the age limit for certain veterans from age 65 to 60. This is very important legislation, particularly in these times when it is getting exceedingly difficult for people past 45 to secure decent positions. I wonder if, in some future edition of The Record, you could discuss these bills and possibility of get-

ting favorable attention for them in Congress.

Of course I realize that it would be necessary if the Social Security Age eligibility is reduced to 60, for firms that have pension plans to follow suit.

You are really getting out a very fine paper. While I am not a member of your Union, my wife is a member of District 65 and I read The Record regularly.

BENJAMIN RUBEN
New York, N.Y.

Liked 'Lincoln' Front Page, Asks Print for Framing

To the Editor:

I enjoyed your front cover of the Record in the issue of Feb. 6. It expresses Lincoln wonderfully.

If possible, I would appreciate a reproduction or photo of Lincoln used in the issue which would be suitable for framing in our church room.

WILLIAM PANZEN
District 65, New York

(Editor's Note: The Record has made up several reproductions of its front cover photo of Lincoln, suitable for framing. They are available to members of the union. Write to the RWDSU Record, 132 W. 43 St., New York City 36, N. Y.)

Dept. Store Members Urge Aid to Nursing Sisters

To the Editor: As union members we feel that there are many who would respond to this item in the New York Daily Mirror:

"The Nursing Sisters of the sick poor in Brooklyn need clean white linens and muslins, such as old sheets and pillow cases for cancer pads. These good nuns dedicate their lives to the sick poor and the sorely needed materials will help poor unfortunates who can't pay for nursing care. Send donations to 439 Henry St. Brooklyn."

The Union always helps in a good cause and this certainly is one. Continued success on The Record. We're sending our bundle and hope an item in your paper will get many more.

NANCY MALVETH and
KATHRYN MALVETH
Namm-Loeser's Dept. Store
District 65, New York.

Tuna and Spaghetti Treat



By DOROTHY MADDOX

THIS RECIPE for Tuna Pompons with Spaghetti is a two-way gift from the sea for the homemaker who perennially faces the question, "What in the world can I serve that's different?"

Tuna Pompons With Spaghetti (Makes 4 servings)

Two 6½-ounce cans chunk-style tuna, 2 tablespoons chopped onion, 1 No. 2 can tomatoes, 1 6-ounce can tomato paste, 1 teaspoon oregano, 1 teaspoon salt, freshly ground pepper, 2 eggs, ¾ cup fine dry bread crumbs, ¼ teaspoon marjoram, 2 tablespoons margarine or butter, 1 tablespoon salt, 3 quarts boiling water, 8 ounces spaghetti.

Drain tuna and reserve oil. In a saucepan combine 2 tablespoons tuna oil and onion; cook over low heat until onion is golden color. Add tomatoes, tomato paste, oregano, 1 teaspoon salt and pepper; mix thoroughly. Cover and cook over low heat 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

In a bowl, combine tuna, unbeaten eggs, ½ cup crumbs and marjoram; mix thoroughly. Shape tuna mixture into 8 pompons. Roll in remaining crumbs. Melt margarine in skillet and cook pompons over medium heat until lightly browned. If desired, add browned pompons to tomato sauce and cook 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, add 1 tablespoon salt to rapidly boiling water. Gradually add spaghetti so that water continues to boil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender. Drain in colander. Serve tuna pompons with cooked spaghetti and sauce.

MOVIES

in review

BATTLE CRY ★★

For nearly two and one half hours "Battle Cry" glorifies the United States Marines of World War II, in a film story based on Leon M. Uris' best seller of the same name. This attempted tribute might more aptly be titled "Call of the Wolf" for instead of emphasizing the indomitable courage of the U.S. Marines so renowned in song and story, it dwells overly long on their lady loves—and these boys sure were busy with the lasses. They were as unlucky in love as they were lucky in war.

Even though the cast is a very capable assemblage of



Tab Hunter

Hollywood talent, and sound effects, color and photography are splendid, the picture does not do justice to the Marines as we knew them in the recent war. It fails to capture the spirit and character of our boys.

"Battle Cry" has all the usual situations and characters of the typical Hollywood war film. From the moment the recruits arrive at boot camp to be turned into tough fighters by hardened drill sergeants until the survivors return home after the war in the Pacific we know just what to expect. We have seen the pattern before. The picture is marked by cliches and stereotypes throughout its long unreeling. Sincere performances by Van Heflin, James Whitmore, Aldo Ray, Tab Hunter, Dorothy Malone, Ann Francis, Mona Freeman, Nancy Olsen, Raymond Massey, and a score of others can't pull this salute together.

The United States Marines deserve a more realistic treatment than "Battle Cry" gives them. The truth could have made a more powerful film than fiction. This movie was not semper fidelis to our marines but to Hollywood.

—MILLIE TILLER

EAST OF EDEN ★★

Elia Kazan, in his production of John Steinbeck's "East of Eden", shows again the talent that won him such high praise for "On the Waterfront". His latest is a penetrating study of a California family around the time of the first World War. The story is about two brothers, Cal and Aron, who were abandoned by their mother as infants and brought up by their righteous father. Cal, played by James Dean in a style more than reminiscent of Marlon Brando, feels inferior to his brother, whom his father has always favored. He is convinced that he is "bad" and lives in his own lonely world trying desperately to win love and recognition.

He learns accidentally that his mother is not dead as his father had told him, but is in a nearby town running a gambling house. He blames his problems on her but eventually goes to her for help in his attempts to earn money to pay his father the amount he lost in an unsuccessful business venture.



Julie Harris

Julie Harris, as Aron's girl Abra who befriends Cal, gives a beautiful and sensitive performance. Dean is brilliant as the disturbed son. All of the cast has ample opportunity to lose themselves in their roles and take their audiences with them because of an excellent script and Kazan's masterful direction. East of Eden is thought provoking, exciting movie fare and will rank with the top films of 1955.

—EILEEN FANTINO

'RECORD' MOVIE RATINGS

★★★★

East of Eden
The Bridges at
Tokio-Ri
Gate of Hell (Jap.)
Deep in My Heart
Young at Heart
A Star is Born
Desiree
Ugetsu (Jap.)
White Christmas
Sabrina
On the Waterfront
Lili
Rear Window

★★★

Prince of Players
The Country Girl
Carmen Jones
The Barefoot
Contessa
The Caine Mutiny
The Student Prince
Scotch on the
Rocks
The Detective
Green Fire
Beau Brummell

★★

Battle Cry
Cattle Queen of
Montana
Six Bridges to Cross
Black Tuesday
The Good Die
Young
The Last Time I
Saw Paris
Rogue Cop
The Silver Chalice
The Outlaw's
Daughter
So This Is Paris

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Raising The Floor Under Wages

The RWDSU, together with many other unions, is seeking a higher federal minimum wage in place of the present 75 cents per hour, and extension of coverage under the minimum wage law to millions of workers not now covered. Both the CIO and the AFL have set as their goal the establishment of a \$1.25-an-hour minimum, while Pres. Eisenhower has asked Congress for an increase to 90 cents.

On this page The Record presents a brief survey of three major areas and how they would be affected by an increased minimum wage, with the analysis in each case being made by the RWDSU officer in charge of the area.

Alvin Heaps on the Midwest



The big problem in the Midwest, says Organization Dir. Alvin E. Heaps, is extension of coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act to many categories not now covered, especially retail and service employees: "Even the \$1.25 minimum wage won't mean much if millions of workers remain exempted from the law." He noted that food processors were still exempt for 14 to 28 weeks of the year from paying time-and-a-half for overtime, no matter how many hours are worked.

As to the goal of a \$1.25 minimum wage, Heaps said it would "shore up union organization, make present conditions in union shops more secure and help us win higher wages in future negotiations.

By eliminating sweatshops and unfair competition, it will help extend organization of the unorganized."

Heaps also pointed out that the liberal forces in several Midwestern states, notably Illinois, are preparing for the introduction of state legislation to set intra-state minimum wages. These will affect many employees not covered by federal legislation. However, Heaps said, "the pattern that is set by Congress will undoubtedly be a model for state legislation, which makes it all the more important for every union member to get behind the CIO demand for a \$1.25 minimum wage."

Arthur Osman on the South

"In the South," said Exec. Vice-Pres. Arthur Osman, "amongst the people we are organizing, a minimum wage of \$1.25, if attained, would constitute an increase to the bulk of the workers involved. Even the inadequate 90 cents projected by Pres. Eisenhower would constitute an increase of some sort for many in the South. The people we are organizing in the South are the truly forgotten and downtrodden of America—the one section of American workers which would be no attraction in the showcase our nation sets before the world.

"The United States is proud of its standard of

living—the average per capita income, business profits and the general well-being of its people—but a tour of the shanty towns in the South; white as well as Negro, but especially Negro, would reveal some of the misery that still exists in America.

"Any raise in the minimum wage for this section of workers would contribute towards alleviating their misery. A substantial rise would transform the lives of millions in the South."

"Foreign countries are not the only places that have backward sections—we have them right here in our own country. And these blighted areas need help to bring them up to standards of decency."



Alex Bail on the Northwest

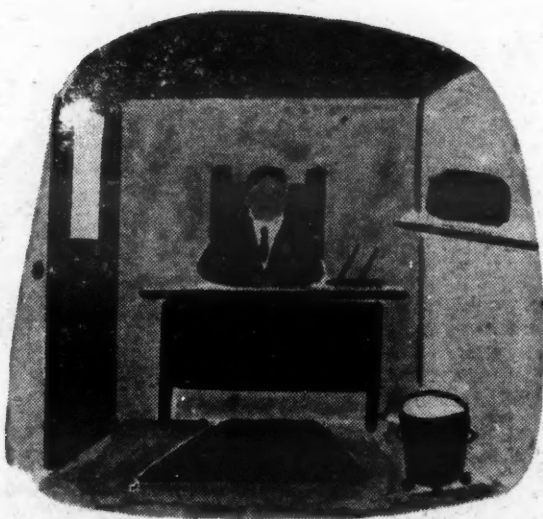


The New England area is generally depressed, Exec. Vice-Pres. Alex Bail pointed out, since its main industry, textile, has been depleted by mills moving to the low wage South. "This depression," he said, "is naturally reflected in all industry in New England, including the retail and light manufacturing shops organized in RWDSU." It is clear, he added, that a cure for the sick textile industry would have beneficial effects on the whole New England economy.

The importance to New England of the \$1.25 minimum wage was brought home recently at the Rhode Island State CIO Convention, Bail said. The Textile Workers delegation was jubilant over the prospects of a higher minimum, and speaker

after speaker pointed out that a higher nationwide wage floor would do much to remove the incentive of employers to move their plants away from New England to cheaper labor areas.

Taking Rhode Island as typical, Bail said minimum rates there, even in organized shops, run between 75 and 80 cents an hour. The higher rates, which obtain mainly for more skilled work, are about \$1.25. "It is obvious," he said, "that raising the foundation of the wage structure with a higher minimum would result in raising the entire structure. And as the wage standards rise, so would the living standards of the entire New England community."



Illustrations by Stanley Glaubach

executive sweets...

Vexed Veeps Vie For Velvets, Velours

By MAX STEINBOCK

Think you've got problems? Unless you're a big corporation executive, you don't even know what problems are!

Time Magazine's Jan. 24 issue devotes two-thirds of a page to a thorough study of a really serious problem: how high does an executive have to rank to be entitled to velvet drapes, a mahogany desk, a private toilet, a rug on his office floor, and the right to eat in the executive dining room? Maybe you think it's funny, but, says 'Time,' "to corporations themselves, the scramble for the perquisites of rank is no joke."

Unfortunately, there are no established rules in the game of getting the jump on your fellow company vice-presidents in acquiring everything from better ashtrays to air conditioners. Sometimes the game breaks out into open warfare. 'Time' tells of a company that installed five vice-presidents in identical offices. "Everything was peaceful until one used his expense account to replace his single-pen set with a two-pen set. Within four days all five worked their way up to three-pen sets . . . bigger and flossier names on their doors and other changes, until the president called a halt and broke everyone back to one-pen sets."

The struggle continues on all fronts. When one president got a choice corner office, his colleague, says 'Time,' "would not be appeased until he had a private washroom installed in his office." Others fight to prove they need two secretaries, rather than one.

Some companies try to avoid this guerilla warfare by setting up rigid rules. This is an idea we favor, and we've got a few suggestions on setting up the categories of rank. We think executives should be graded in four types, and supplied accordingly. Here is what we think each type should be entitled to:

• **Type 1:** Draperies, wall-to-wall carpeting, walnut desk, foam-rubber couch, mahogany bar with four kinds of Scotch and assorted liqueurs, private bath with shower, television, 500-cigar humidor and three secretaries: one blonde (Marilyn Monroe), one brunette (Gina Lollobrigida) and one redhead (Arlene Dahl).

• **Type 2:** Venetian blinds, scatter rugs, mahogany-veneer desk, plain leather couch, filing cabinet for liquor with two kinds of bourbon, private toilet (commode and sink only), radio set, box of 25 cigars, and two secretaries, one middle-aged.

• **Type 3:** Window shade, one rag rug, pine desk, army cot, one bottle cheap rye in desk drawer, hand-wound victrola, use of key to men's washroom, and one secretary (Marjorie Main).

• **Type 4:** No private office, no window, battered roll-top desk, one wire coat hanger, one beat-up spittoon, credit card at corner saloon, secretarial work by dim-witted office boy.

Cavil-Cade

By LES FINNEGAN

• IN TEL AVIV, ISRAEL the labor government handled a crisis in a way that proved not only its ingenuity but also the happy flexibility of the country's laws. The problem arose when the Tel Aviv Zoo received two chimpanzees as gifts from the Paris Zoo. When they arrived the two chimps Riki, 3 years old, and Piccolo, 5, were very hungry animals, and veterinarians declared they should have rice. However, in Israel rice is a rationed commodity and the law provides that it can be allocated only to humans. The Ministry of Trade & Industry asserted flatly that there was no way of getting around the law, but this failed to discourage the labor government. Riki and Piccolo were listed as diplomats, and with diplomatic status they promptly received their full quota of rice.

• IN HARTFORD, CONN., an inmate of the Connecticut State Prison wrote to the legislature protesting that prisoners have been getting 15c-a-day since 1913 but with inflation they can no longer live on it. The letter writer said he needed at least 25c-a-day to buy soap, sugar, cigarettes and similar items. Prison officials were astounded when a Republican member of the legislature promptly introduced a bill hiking the hoosegow pay scales from 15c to 25c. In Washington, the Federal Bureau of Prisons was even more astounded when the U. S. Court of Claims handed down a \$1,000,000 judgment against the government for overtime pay claims by 71 women prison employees. In a unanimous decision the court ruled that the government must pay overtime because the women were covered by the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945.

• IN KEY WEST, FLORIDA, a five-week strike ended in complete victory when a union official had the bright idea of adding a pretty girl in a bikini bathing suit to his picket line to obtain some publicity. Crowds gathered, the sidewalk became blocked and the police were called to disperse the scores of happy ogles. All the time, inside, the strikebound employer grew more and more furious. Finally, unable to restrain his rage any longer, he raced out with a pair of scissors in his hand, walked up behind the bikini-clad girl and cut the string of her halter. At that moment a photographer snapped a picture. Twenty minutes later the girl and the union leader were in the police station swearing out a warrant charging the employer with assault and a variety of other violations having to do with public decency. That night the employer, accompanied by his lawyer, agreed to a new contract, better in every respect than the union's demands. All the union had to do in return, was to agree to drop the police charges and guarantee that the picture would be destroyed without anyone seeing it.

• IN TOKYO, JAPAN, proof that Japanese trade unionism, still less than 10 years old, has taken a genuine hold on the people, was found in a strike conducted at a small Tokyo dairy. Seven milk delivery boys, deciding they were exploited, formed their own union and presented four demands to their employer. When the demands were rejected, the boys walked out on strike. Less than 10 hours later, however, they were back at work. The boys had surrendered completely, granting better pay shorter hours, meals and (the most important demand of all) a promise that he would stop calling the boys "zakayaro" (stupid fools).

lighter side of the record



FROM THE HEART—Shawn Smith burst out of this heart on Feb. 14 with Valentine's Day greetings. A member of the Screen Actors Guild, AFL.



Wall Street Journal

"Mr. Wumbel, sir, I've landed a much better job with another firm, fatty."

HAZY HERB





First To Retire Under Ohio Dairy Pension Program

Life of leisure for Sam Steen of Local 379 is made possible by union pension plan, and made comfortable by his wife, Fanny May.

EARLY RESULTS IN '65' WAGE DRIVE:

1000 Win 15-18 Cent Raises
Over Two-Year Period

— See Page 1-A

SAM STEEN was one of the first to sign a union card back in 1944 when Diamond Milk Products Co., Columbus, Ohio, was organized by RWDSU Local 379. He scored another first last month when he became the first member to retire under the union pension plan established last year.

The pension plan, now in effect at several Borden dairies as well as at Diamond, provides pensions of \$1.60 per month multiplied by the number of years of service. Thus Sam Steen gets \$40.93 a month, plus \$95.90 from Social Security, for a total \$136.83 monthly retirement pay. RWDSU Ohio Dir. Gerald Hughes expects that benefits will be increased as the fund accumulates and a pattern of experience on retirements emerges.

Though he's nearly 75, Sam plans to keep active; gardening, fishing and travel will keep him and his wife, Fanny May, busy and happy. They'll be in Florida during March, and in June they'll celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Then, in December, Sam will undoubtedly be called on again to act as Santa Claus at his union's Christmas party, a role he's often played in the past.

For Sam, who has always been an active union member, retirement won't mean losing contact with Local 379. He'll keep in close touch with his union, which, he says, "made it possible for me to enjoy my retirement in security and freedom from want."